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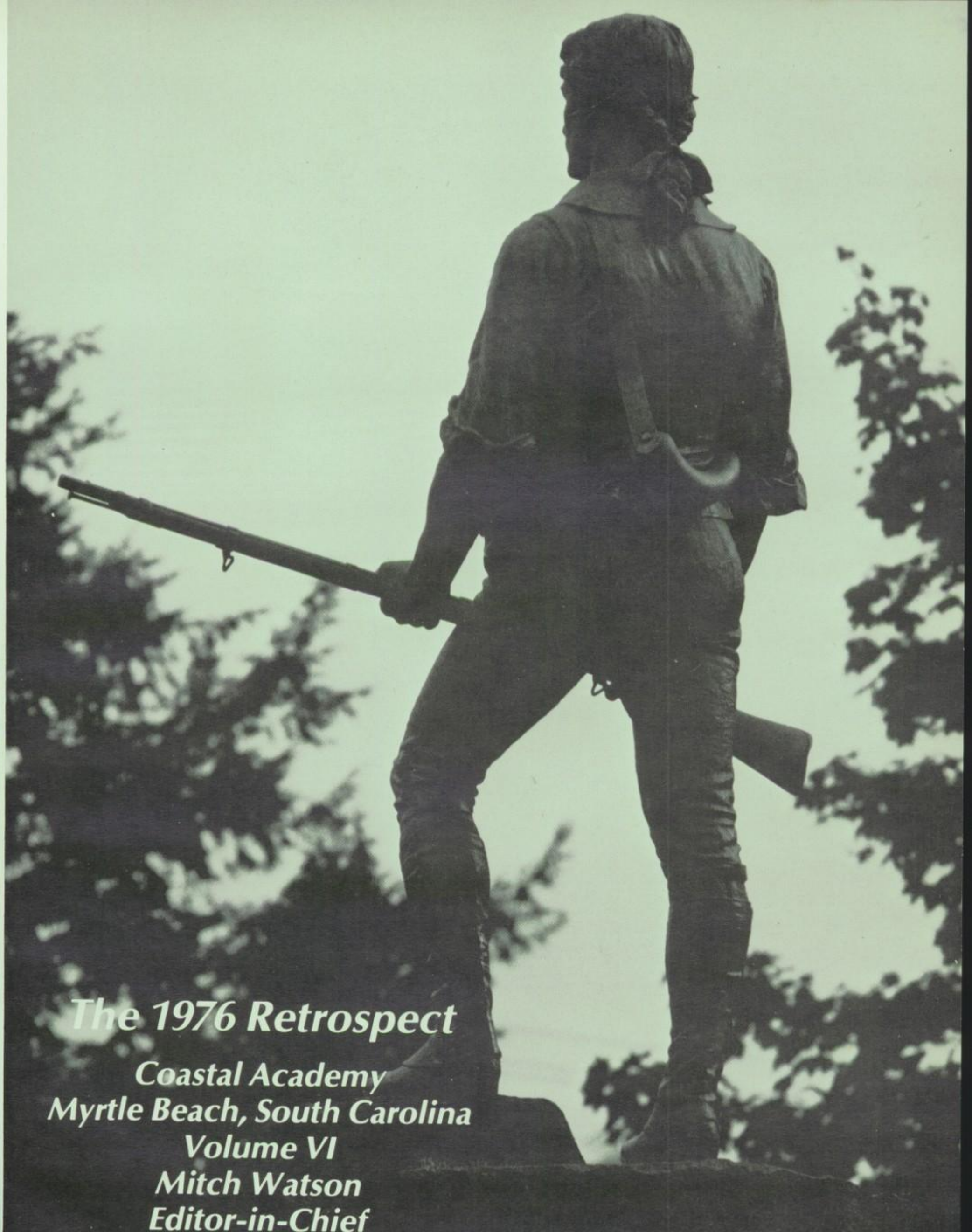

The 1976 Retrospect

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Mitch Watson
Editor-in-Chief

Spirit . . .

the basic need for the accomplishments

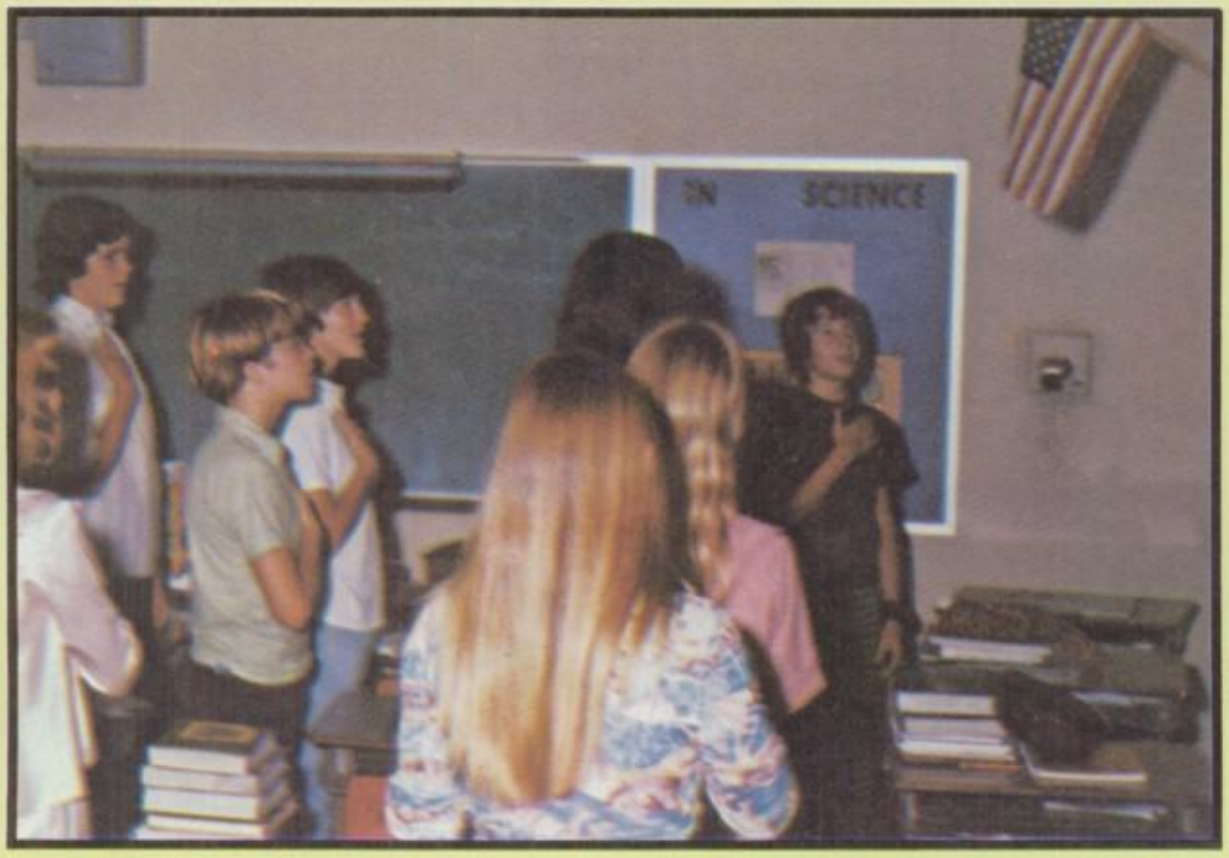
of our lives,

the soul of our school,

the power of our minds,

and the courage to live our lives to

the fullest.



Spirit Is . . .

loyalty to our school and to ourselves;

discovering and learning from our experiences;

supporting what we believe in;

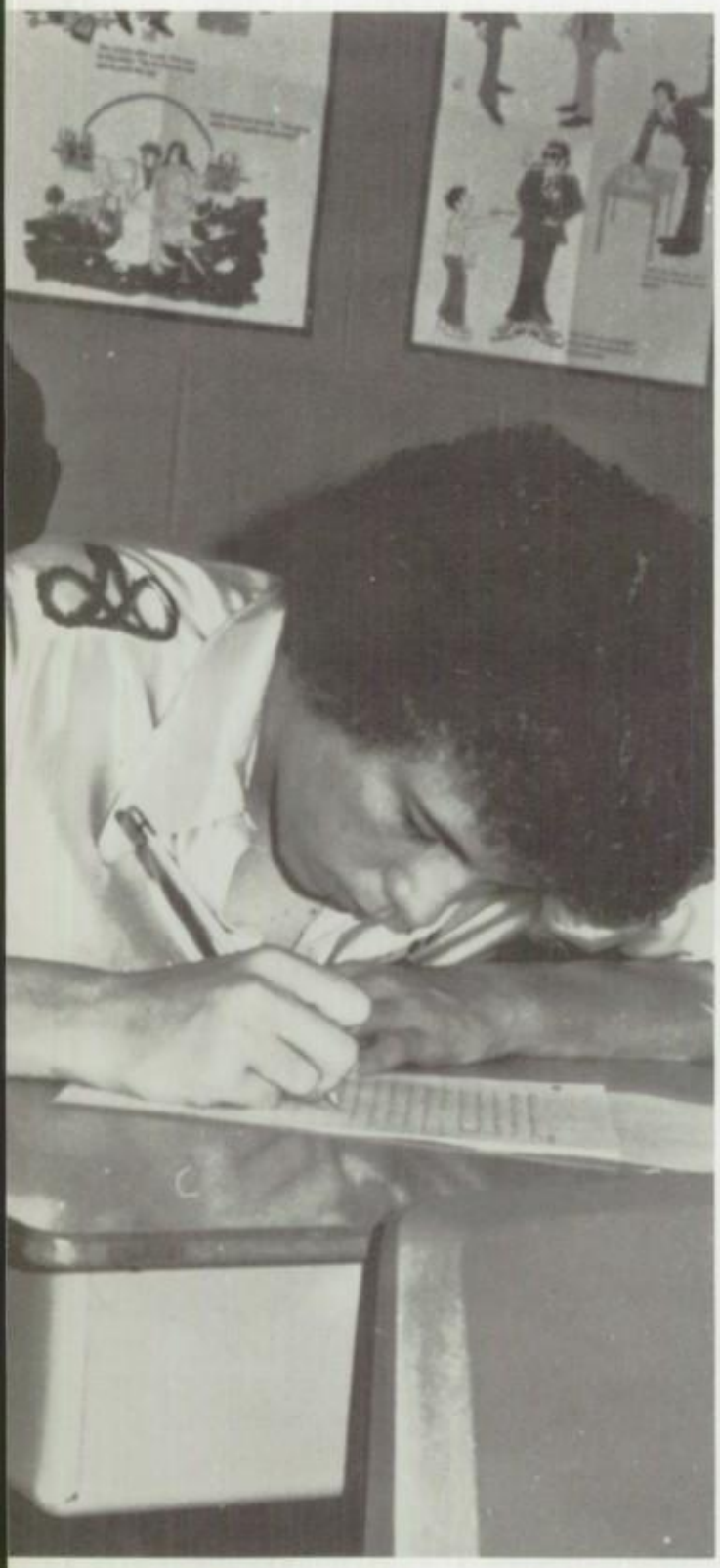
learning to communicate with those different

from ourselves;

enthusiasm dedicated to the goals we set in

our lives and the cheerfulness we feel when

they are achieved.



Spirit Is . . .

the genius, the vivaciousness of the brain, and

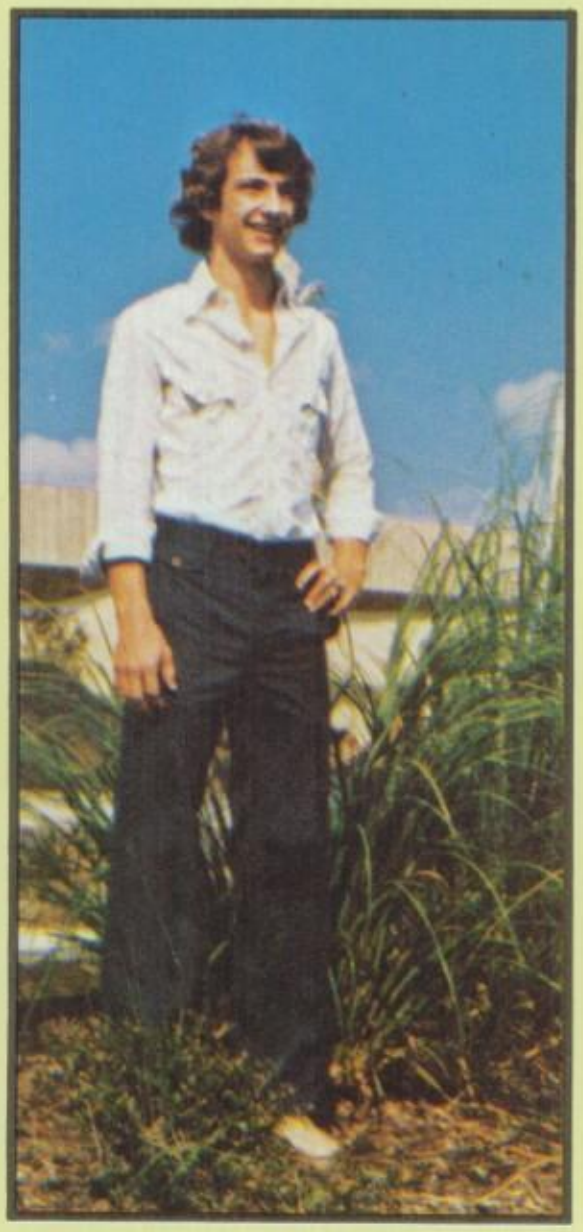
the feeling of relief when our work is done;

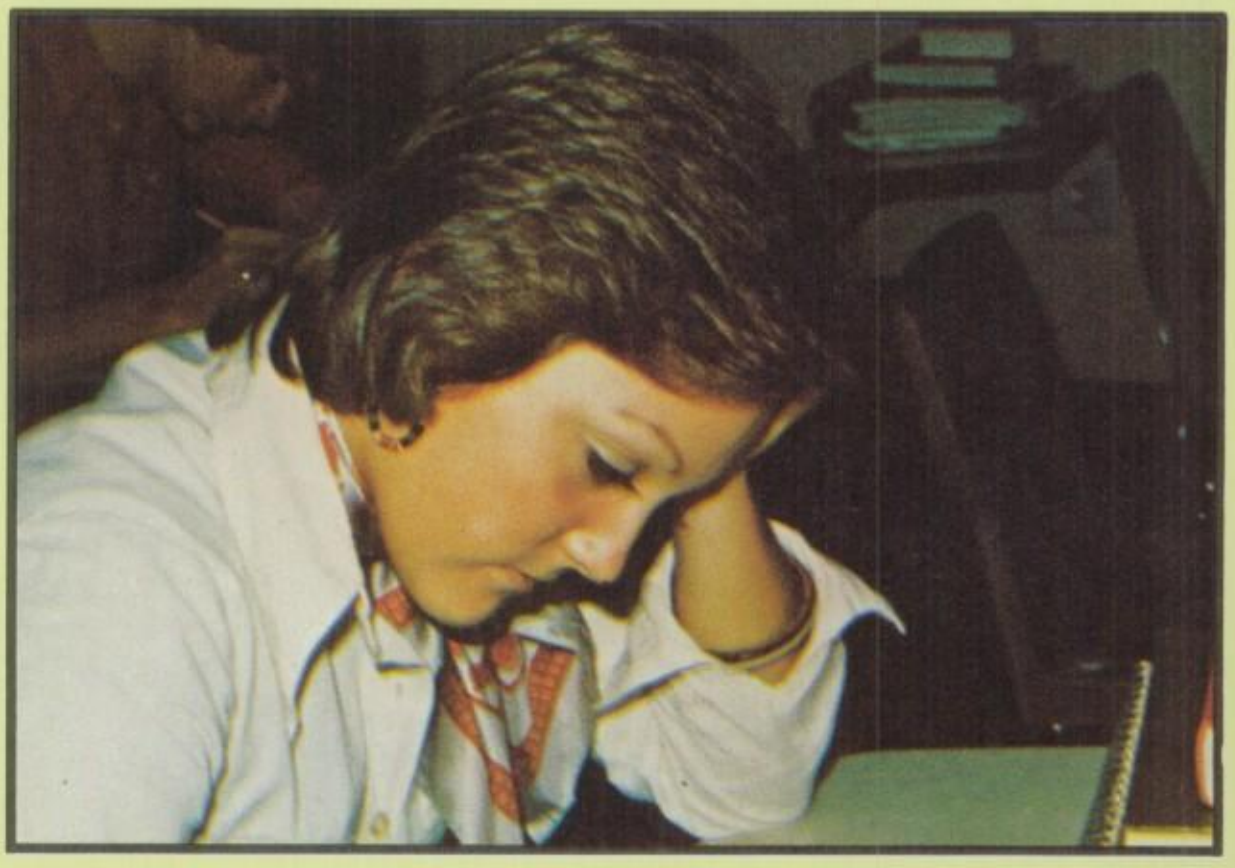
the class of '76;

the struggle of competition, of doing our best

in victory or defeat;

the creation of music.





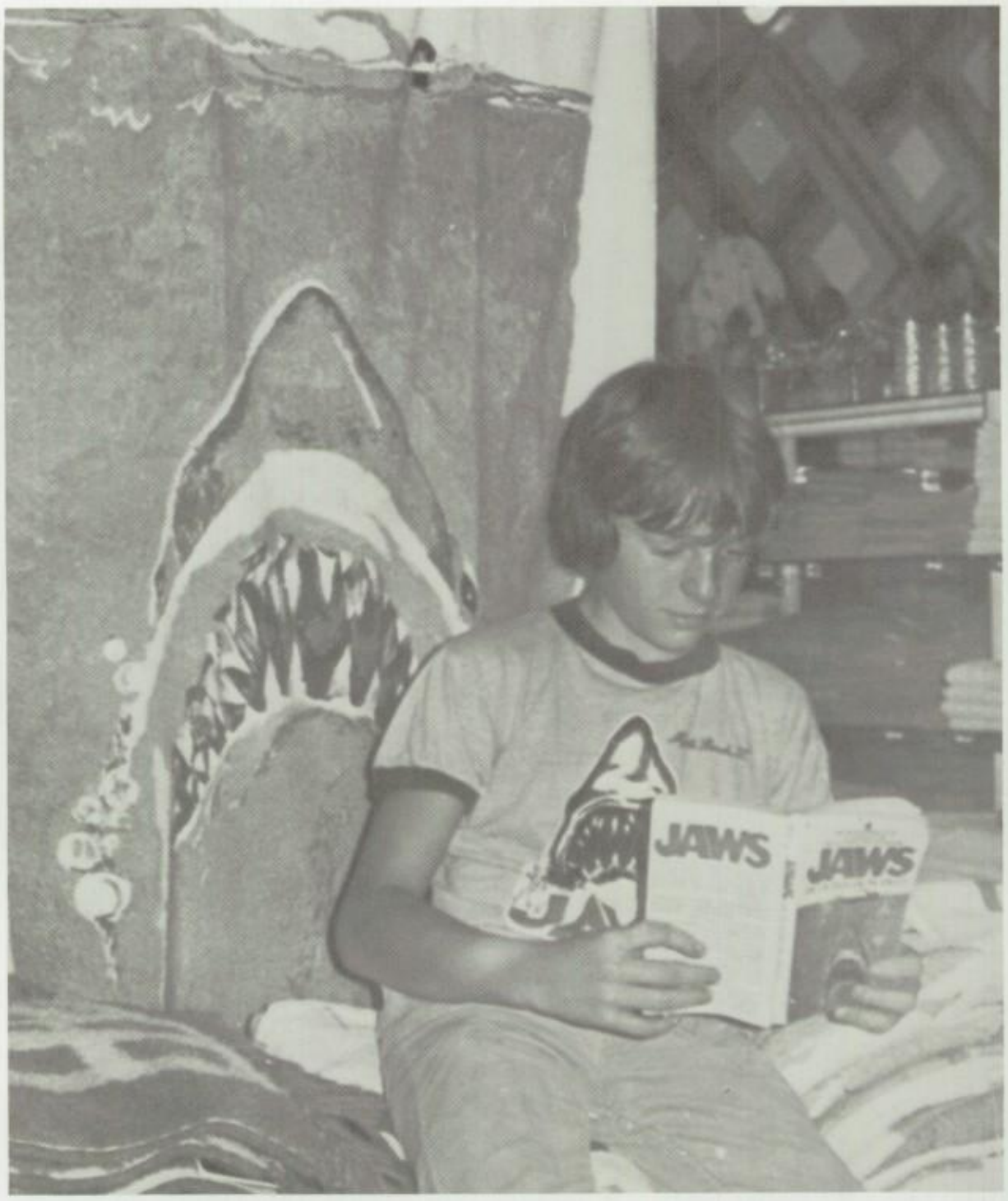
Seniors Show Spirit

Mitch Watson and Trina Thorne, Mr. and Miss Coastal Academy for 1976, both feel it is a great honor to be selected by the faculty for this title.

Trina has expressed the belief that "Miss Coastal Academy represents the school, and she is responsible for setting an example for others to follow as far as standards of leadership, scholarship, and personal appearance."

Mitch feels Mr. Coastal Academy should be "someone who is sincerely interested in his school and is involved in its activities."

Spirit means being what we are, not what someone else thinks we should be.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Spirit Lingers . . .

through fashions,

facts,

and

fads,

from 1776 to 1976.

Spirit Is . . .

the fulfillment of working together;

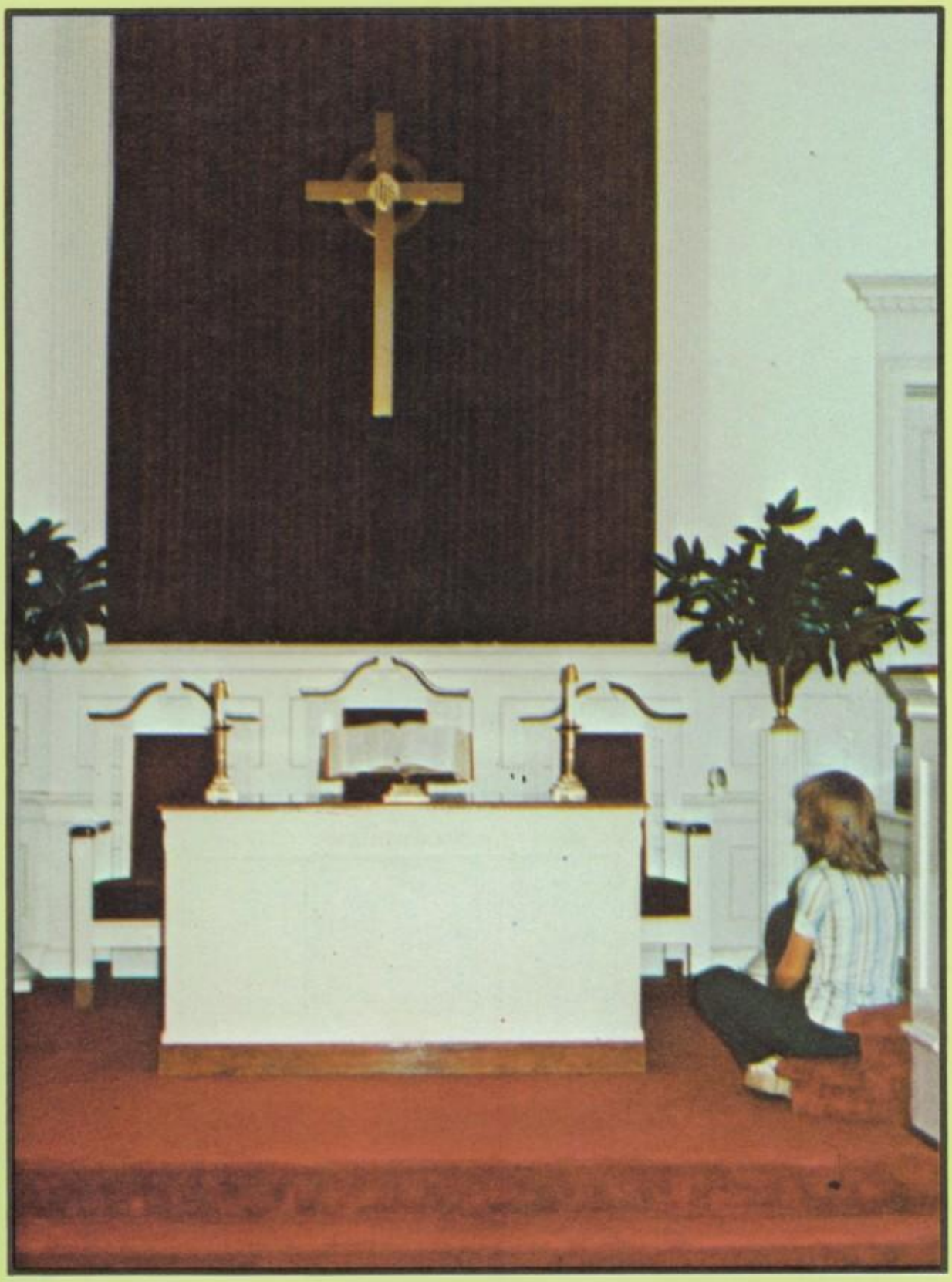
the light that guides us on to bigger and

better things.

Spirit is you.

Spirit is me.

We are the spirit.



A Year of

Self-expression ★★★★★★★★★★ 12

Profiles ★★★★★★★★★★★★ 40

Intelligence ★★★★★★★★★★ 72

Rhythm ★★★★★★★★★★★ 90

Innocence ★★★★★★★★★★ 116

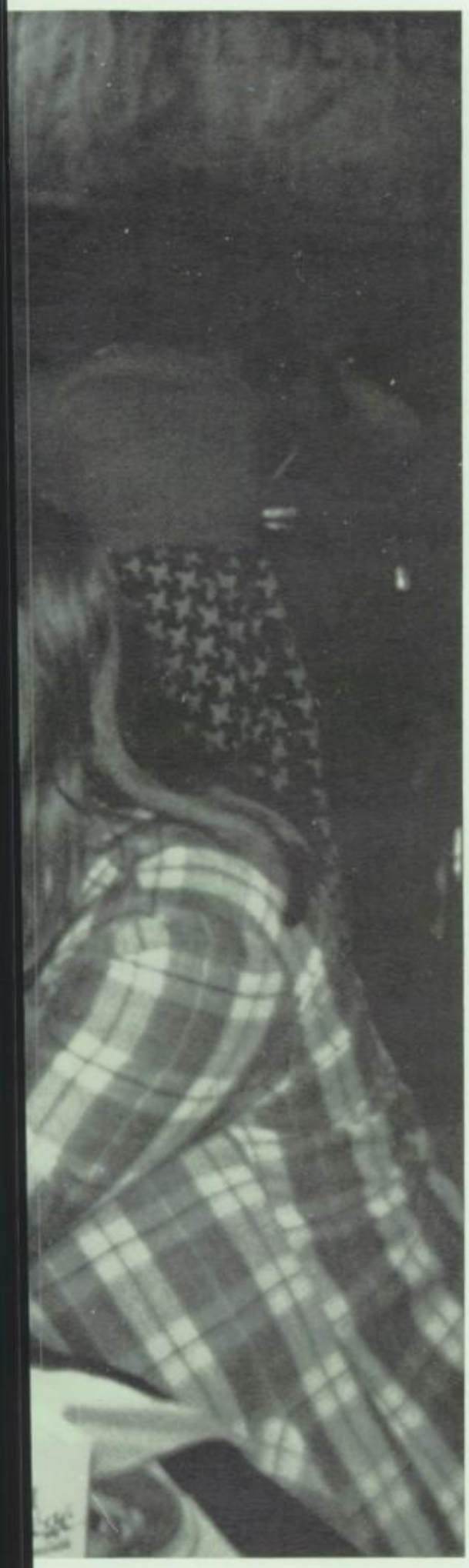
Trade ★★★★★★★★★★★ 140

EPILOGUE

Self-Expression

the freedom of the individual to be what he wants

through his various projects and activities.



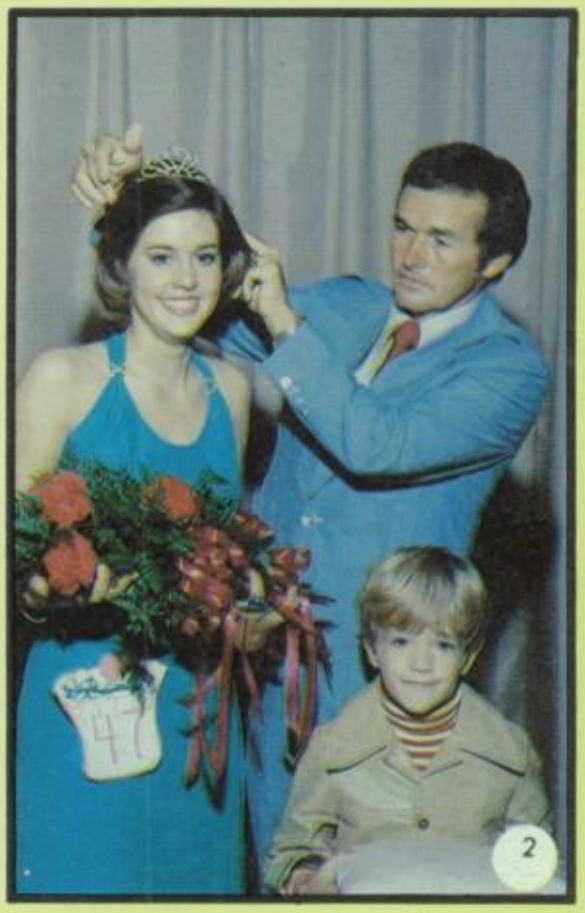
Nancy Avera Is Miss Retrospect

Senior Nancy Avera became Coastal Academy's first "Miss Retrospect" chosen by judges before an audience. "Sugar and Spice and Everything Nice" set the theme for the October 4 pageant in the S.C. Public Service Authority Auditorium. Fifty-one girls wowed the audience as they were judged on poise, beauty, figure, and modeling of casual and formal wear. At the pageant's climax, Mr. F. Carroll Taylor crowned Nancy and presented her a dozen red carnations.

Junior high girls competed for the title "Miss Junior Retrospect," and Catherine Brake was chosen by the judges.

Rounding out the court were Bonnie Baldwin, "Miss-Freshman;" Cathy Taylor, "Miss Sophomore;" Mary Ann Lyerly, "Miss Junior;" and Tami Springs, "Miss Senior."

Opposite page:
(1) Bonnie Baldwin, Miss Freshman.
(2) Catherine Brake, Miss Junior Retrospect.
(3) Cathy Taylor, Miss Sophomore.
(4) Mary Ann Lyerly, Miss Junior.
(5) Tami Springs, Miss Senior.
This page:
(1) Nancy Avera was selected Miss Retrospect before a packed audience Oct. 4.
(2) Headmaster F. Carroll Taylor placed the coveted crown upon Nancy's head after crown-bearer Clark Green bore it midstage.
(3) The Retrospect court beams in happiness. Cathy Taylor, Tami Springs, Catherine Brake, Nancy Avera, Mary Ann Lyerly, and Bonnie Baldwin share the honors.



Pageant Creates Excitement

After weeks of endless chatter, discussion of who was wearing what, learning how to walk like a lady, holding stomachs in, shoulders back and chins up, contestants welcomed pageant day.

Preparations began early. Girls gathered at the auditorium to take a final practice walk; others began making up, going to beauty salons, and picking up last minute items in readiness for the long-awaited affair.

Time went by in a flash; the lights came up; the girls filed out and waited nervously. The curtain opened slowly, and the show was on!

Walk, stop, smile, look around, count to three, smile. Walk again! Stop and count to three, smile, look at Mitch, walk, smile, stop! Count to three, Dummy!

Excitement built steadily as nerves began to take control. Entertainment provided by the junior class boys provided comic relief, but after their exit, chaos returned backstage as the top sixteen semifinalists were announced. From these came the top five finalists and the ultimate queen.

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Opposite page:
(1) Mrs. Helen Osteen gives Ann Cromley tips on how to walk properly in a pageant, as Ann studiously tries to follow.
(2) Kelly Howland finds that applying eye makeup isn't easy when nervous. It takes two!
(3) Deborah Holcombe and Karla Talbot make finishing touches before appearing on stage in casual wear.
(4) John Williams, Jeff Stuart, Alec Ivey, and Kyle Price seranade the audience with their version of "There's Nothing Like a Dame."
This page:
(1) Making her turn, Joy McLeod pauses beside M.C. Mitch Watson during pageant preliminaries.
(2) Judges narrowed the field to five Miss Retrospect finalists. Tami Springs, Nancy Avera, Robin Williamson, Shari Leach, and Melissa Dargan anxiously await the judges' final tally.

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(1) Officers of the senior student council are Kelly Howland, secretary; Mitch Watson, president; Kelly Neal, treasurer; and Will Avera, vice-president.
(2) Steve Taylor and David Jeffcoat serve drinks and hot dogs to hungry fans during a game.
(3) Kim Blanton, Kris Howland, and Scott Brandon sort donated items for the needy family.
(4) Jeff Stuart and other council members cleaned the bus before the first away game.
(4) Couples enjoy the Sadie Hawkins Dance sponsored by the council.

Student Government Forms Junior High Council

The student council expanded its government into the halls of the seventh and eighth grades with the formation of the Junior High Student Council. Fall elections were held to select officers, and a constitution was established. The junior council is a sub-division of the high school government, but it has the opportunity to work independently on projects.

Having held elections in the spring, the senior council was ready to launch its year's work at the opening of school. Assuming responsibility of the concession stand at ball games, members sold hot dogs, candy, and cokes. At Christmas, the council held a drive to collect clothing, toys, and food for a needy family.

On Jan. 8 the student council became the fourteenth civic group to donate to Freedom Walk at the Convention Center in observation of America's bicentennial. Two dogwood trees were planted by the executive officers in a special ceremony.

(1) In the first Junior High Student Council elections, students chose (standing) Steve Taylor, president; Gene Butler, vice-president; (sitting) Elizabeth Singleton, secretary; and King Martin, treasurer.
(2) Mr. John Gore aids and advises the student council throughout the year.

Beta Club Assumes Production of School Newspaper

Newspapers and programs, dinners at members' houses, being sworn in before the student body, doughnut sales, keeping up grades — all were part of the lives of members of the Beta Club. Assuming responsibility of the CAT became the main service project of the year.

Under the direction of president Nancy Avera, members wrote, typed, and financed the school publication on a regular basis. Doughnut sales and annual basketball program promotion helped build the treasury.

Nine new members were inducted into the club at an upper school assembly. Will Avera, one of the inductees, has stated that the club "awards and recognizes students who accomplish high academic goals." Three-year veteran Lynette Hendrix added that "being a member of the Beta Club is an honor in any school." Jeff Stuart perhaps best summed it up by saying, "I'm in the Beta Club now, but I may not be for long," emphasizing the necessity of maintaining a "B" average.

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(1) David Jeffcoat, Shari Leach, Margaret Martin and Nancy Avera prepare the first issue of the CAT under the club's direction. (2) Mrs. Joyce Moser, sponsor, sees to it that National Beta Club standards are met by members.

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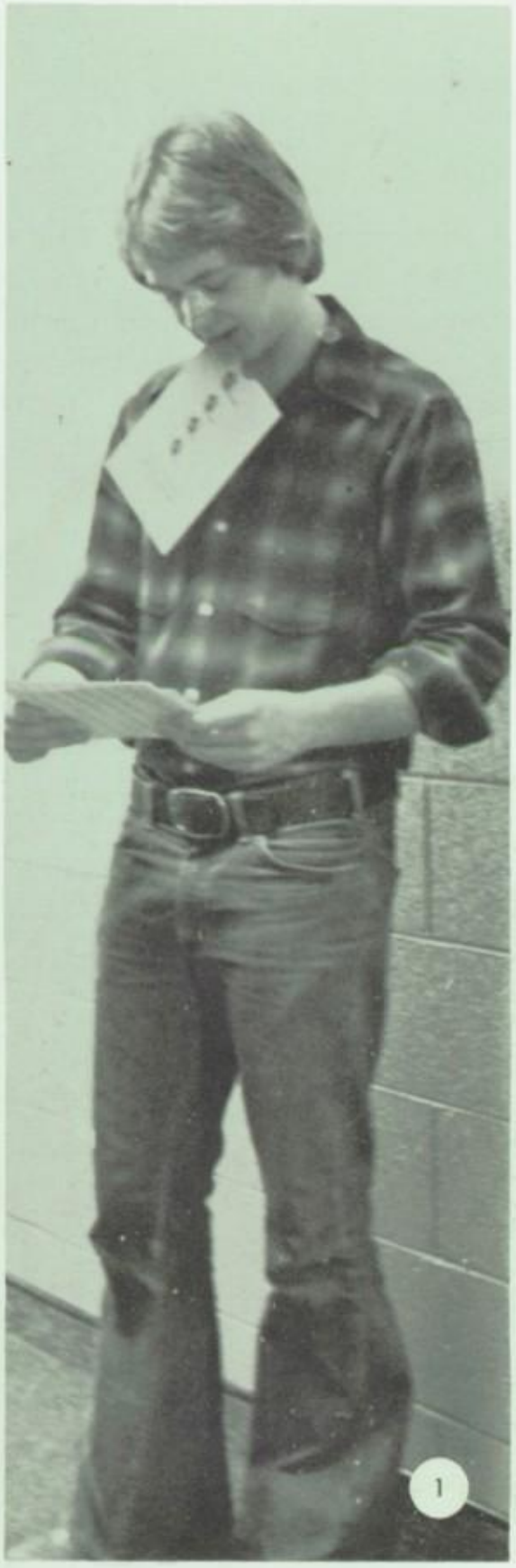

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(1) Jeff Stuart anxiously thumbs through report cards to see if he is still in the Beta Club.
(2) Mr. Taylor reads oath while students pledge to uphold it at fall induction ceremony.
(3) President Nancy Avera aids Mr. Taylor in presenting pins and certificates to inductees.
(4) New member Cathy Taylor is the group's choice for Beta Sweetheart.
(5) Supper meetings provide opportunity for business and pleasure. Mitch Watson aims peas across the room during the pleasure part of the gathering.

Junior Beta Observes Bicentennial

Native American shrubs were donated by the Junior Beta Club to beautify the grounds in the gymnasium area and to observe the bicentennial in a way that will continue to benefit the school in coming years.

Besides displaying national spirit, the enthusiastic group showed school spirit by painting bike racks in Coastal's blue and white colors. "I think all clubs should work on at least one project for this school," suggested Ashley McLamb as the year's activities were discussed.

Through the club, students are challenged to achieve academically in grades 7-9. Duffy Stone explained, "It makes me want to make good grades."

(1) Lou Springs represents the Junior Beta Club as Sweetheart.
(2) The club offers academic recognition for students in grades 7-9. Mrs. Cheryl Jowers advises its members.
(3) Elizabeth Singleton and Perry Juliano are ready to place a shrub into the hole being dug by Steve Taylor, as Lois Martin and Lou Springs decide where the next plant should go.

The Science Club has become involved in attempting to save area marshlands and in studying the ocean environment. Members, mainly ninth graders, researched the threat of progress to the plant and animal life of the marshes, and planned to fight this threat.

Most members found the activities worthwhile. Tera Myers said, "It's a good club because it's fun and you can learn at the same time." Bob Sabasteanski stated that he had looked forward to the promised "swamp tromp," meaning the group's visit to local marshlands.

Other Science Club activities included a science fair, joint conservation project with U.S.C., and Career Week held in Feb.

Science Club Launches Operation Marshland

(1) Science Club Sweetheart is Kelly Howland.
(2) Under the direction of Mrs. Gail Palmer, the club members are writing a constitution and reorganizing the association.
(3) Cold weather did not deter the visit to a nearby marshland for study. Tera Myers and Laura Millard brave the elements for a first-hand look.

Spanish Club Holds "Tertulias"

In the Spanish Club, students enjoyed social get-togethers — "Tertulias" — during which they sang and played games, using Spanish in an enjoyable setting.

To celebrate Christmas in the Mexican-Spanish tradition, the group made a piñata for the first graders. The youngsters struck the candy-filled balloon until it broke and showered them with sweets.

"The Spanish Club is centered around learning about Spain. The members work hard, and we are looking forward to going to Spain next year," stated Perry Juliano, referring to a tour planned for second-year students in 1977. The Spanish Club was the newest addition to Coastal's growing list of organizations and came about through the addition of Spanish to the curriculum.

(1) The new club selected Deborah Holcombe Spanish Club Sweetheart.
(2) Roper Wilkes, King Martin, Jay Huggins, Michael Stephens, and Cissy Berry make a piñata for the first graders.
(3) Mrs. Cheryl Jowers teaches Spanish Club members about the country's culture.
(4) Richard Capps pays Perry Juliano and Teb Baugh for doughnuts, a popular money-raiser for organizations.

Club Members Experience French Cuisine

A favorite American pastime — eating — was the event of the year for French Club members when they dined at a restaurant featuring French cuisine. The students enjoyed sampling foods from a nine course meal that included appetizer, entrée, and dessert, all prepared with special French seasonings and sauces. The outing was financed through projects such as selling homemade soup and sandwiches and holding bake sales and dances.

Bill Hardy pronounced the organization "an interesting, meaningful, and educational club." Membership is confined to those in their second year of French. "The French Club is one of our most enjoyable ones," said Beth Jones. "We have projects that are fun and accomplish many things."

(1) Club members order a full-course Fench meal.
(2) President Nancy Avera ladles up soup for 50¢ per cup.
(3) Junior Cindy Floyd is club Sweetheart.
(4) Mr. Dale Johnson suggests most of the projects for the year.

Service Clubs Build Character and Provide Enjoyment

The Junior Civitans and Civinettes — brother and sister clubs — have little in common besides their source. With too many projects to name, the Civinettes far surpassed the Civitans in involvement and commitment. After fall initiation, the boys' club failed to materialize, while the girls participated in community, state, and nationwide projects, enjoying themselves in the process.

(1) Trina Thorne and Jerry Oates were crowned Harvest King and Queen after the Civinettes sponsored the contest based on penny votes by the students.
(2) National Civitan rules guide the selection of Sweetheart; Tami Springs fulfilled the requirements.
(3) Tommy Hamilton and Mike Hobeika went through Civitan initiation and dressed according to the day's requirements.
(4) Mr. Buddy Rogers agreed to be club sponsor before student apathy set in.

"We're lucky to have a group of girls that are truly concerned with our school and other people."

Laura Harris
Civinette

"Civitans? I thought they went bankrupt."

Will Avera
Civitan

"We need more participation; five can't do the work of twenty."

Bill Hardy
Civitan President

(1) Kathryn Martin, Kelly Howland, Mary Ann Lyerly, and Tami Springs collect for the annual canned food drive.
(2) Cindy Floyd, Mandie Harrelson, president Allison Hobeika, and Tami Springs wrap Christmas cookies to be delivered to Myrtle Beach Manor, a home for the sick and aged.
(3) Lawton Benton sympathizes with Louis LaBruce's disgust with that "greasy kid stuff."
(4) Mrs. Kay Jones and Miss Mary Ann McNinch co-sponsor the active girls' organization.

Retrospect Staff Expands Knowledge at Workshop

Kelly Howland summed up the first few hours of lecture at a summer annual staff workshop by asking the question. "What's a lay-out anyhow?" By the time the workshop was over, Kelly and the other students who attended knew very well what a layout was, along with all basic steps to make a yearbook possible.

The clinic was very rewarding to those who had never experienced working with an annual. Producing the book is a responsibility that requires a great deal of time and thought, and the 1976 staff got a head start on the task at the workshop sponsored by Taylor Publishing Company at Columbia College, Columbia, S.C., July 28-30.

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This page:
(1) Cutting out magazine pictures to represent photographs was part of the workshop assignment. Kelly Howland snipped scores of them to place on layouts.
(2) John Williams looks over the work of staff members who did not attend the clinic. John Thorne, Cathy Taylor, Tami Springs, and Tom Cannon, art editor, had a lot to learn. Tami took on the responsibility of business manager as well.
(3) With a heavy load of materials, John Williams returns to the dorm where much work was completed.
(4) Mary Ann Lyerly and Kathryn Martin hurry to the next lecture of the afternoon.
(5) Having attended the copy writing sessions, Becky Long confers with Mary Ann about space for the material she has written.

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Opposite page:
(1) Mitch Watson, editor of the 1976 yearbook, is amused by Mary Ann Lyerly's suggestion for a picture. Ken Register offers advice.
(2) The yearbook staff received a certificate of merit for fulfilling all assignments at the workshop. Mrs. Ann Taylor, advisor, accompanied and worked with the group.

Pep Club Uncages Cougar

The senior Pep Club sponsored various projects in support of the Cougars, but the outstanding contribution was a Cougar mascot, acted out by Mary Ann Lyerly. In her furry costume, she played basketball with the players during warm-up time, cheered with the varsity cheerleaders, and performed other antics to boost spirit.

Despite the large membership and ongoing projects, student opinions ranged widely concerning the amount of real pep behind the name. Margaret Martin complained, "The senior Pep Club needs to take more action in this school. Many members have no concern about the games nor any spirit." Yet René Bellamy felt the group to be "the backbone supporting our teams — the main body of students who dedicate their lungs to support the Cougars."

(1) Cougar mascot Mary Ann Lyerly warms up with the team minutes before game time.
(2) Paige Price represents the Pep Club as Sweetheart.
(3) David Jeffcoat, Bill Thrailkill, Ken Register, and Junior Ramsey support the Cougars.
(4) The Pep Club, under the supervision of Mr. Sam Bowers, is strong in number from grades 10-12.

Wishing to be heard as a separate voice, the junior high formed its own pep group this year. The members displayed their spirit for the junior varsity teams with enthusiasm. Supporting the players and cheerleaders and lending support at pep rallies were only the beginning of their functions. Elizabeth Singleton's opinion was that "the club is a good idea since the J.V. teams need support."

Selling Cougar spirit buttons was the club's major project, with the funds going toward the purchase of a trophy case.

Pep Club Splits Into Junior Group

(1) The Junior Pep Club decided Lou Springs should be its Sweetheart.
(2) Mrs. Lorraine Jeffcoat launches whatever projects the organization undertakes.
(3) Bonnie Baldwin challenges Dana Chandler with a "How's your spirit?" button.

Block C Club Welcomes Alumni

The first annual Alumni Basketball Game ushered in the 1975-76 basketball season on Nov. 26 in Benton Gymnasium. A strong team of former lettermen challenged the boys' varsity squad and narrowly defeated the Cougars in the contest 84-82.

Other than hosting the alumni game, the Block C Club remained virtually inactive. Cheerleader Nancy Avera described it as a "do-nothing club." Mike Hughes said, "It's a great way to get out of class when pictures are made." Club president Will Avera stated, "It should be called the Blockhead Club."

(1) Alumni Clay Price, Jim Neal, and Keith Bellamy take a break during the action, which went into overtime before a winner was decided.
(2) Derek Blanton and Julien Springs reminisce during halftime.
(3) Block C Sweetheart is Kathryn Martin.
(4) Students must letter in a varsity sport to be in the Block C; Coach Buddy Rogers is the sponsor.

Mother's Club Finances Paving

Someone correctly said, "Never underestimate the power of a woman." And so it was the Mothers' Club that rid Coastal Academy of its muddy, rut-filled drive and parking lot. The group of women organized in the spring of 1975 and students entered school on a newly-surfaced drive in the fall.

Off to a good start with the Trash & Treasure Market, the club took on other money-making projects as the Halloween Carnival, Christmas House Tour, and Night in Las Vegas.

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(1) "Club Sweethearts" Ruth Gore and Sandra Rutenburg sell tickets at the Halloween Carnival.
(2) Mrs. Shirley Langston and Mrs. Betty Humphries admire the decorations on the tree at the F. C. Gore home during the Christmas House Tour.
(3) Mrs. Katharine Thorne, president of the club, has organized and directed various projects.
(4) Mrs. Emma Ann Benton pours Russian tea at the house tour in Dec.

Club Builds Book Interest

"The Library Club is a lot of fun." Seventh grader John Gore summed up a member's outlook about activities under Librarian Peggy Bellamy. The group is introduced to a world of books and tries to create interest in reading among other students. New members dressed as characters in a favorite book or story as part of initiation. The group sponsored and judged a bookmark contest in the lower school. Winning entries were displayed in the library and prizes of paperback books were given to the creators.

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(1) Behind the disguises of Hitler, Rip Van Winkle, Curious George, and Huck Finn are new club members Duffie Stone, Teb Baugh, Allison Farlow, and John Gore.
(2) Teb Baugh and Allison Farlow look over the book marks they helped pick as winning entries as John Avera, Nina McDuffie, Nancy Humphries, and Buffy Pavilack compare their creations.
(3) Karen Gore is 1976 Library Club Sweetheart.
(4) Club members learn a great deal about processing and cataloging books and other library procedures involved in keeping track of the many books that are constantly going and coming.

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Glee Club Presents Christmas Cantata

With both a new music teacher and activity schedule allowing for organized practice time, Coastal students responded to the call for a mixed chorus with enthusiasm. Miss Mary Ann McNinch discovered singing talent among upper school students and revealed it to a large audience on Dec. 18 when the Glee Club presented a segment of the Christmas cantata at the S.C. Public Service Authority Auditorium.

Besides a general selection of traditional carols by the entire chorus, Becky Long and Stacy Capps joined in a duet of "Away in a Manger" and Kenneth Hucks sang the solo part of "O Holy Night."

(1) Chorus members Allison Hobeika, Beverly Brandon, and Becky Long presented a humorous account of the "Twelve Days after Christmas" between cantata scenes.
(2) Kenneth Hucks practiced diligently for his solo.
(3) Choral director Miss McNinch is a favorite with her students.
(4) The Glee Club presented the closing part of the program with a selection of favorite Christmas carols.

Spirited Teacher Chosen for 1976 Dedication

The 1976 Retrospect is dedicated to Mrs. Kay Jones — the spark plug of the junior class. Without her enthusiasm and willingness to give of her time and energy, Coastal Academy students would be lacking a most valuable and needed driving force.

"Involvement" is the word that comes readily to the lips of most students in describing the combination mathematics teacher and campaign organizer:

"Mrs. Jones puts her entire self into whatever she does — teaching math or planning a project."

"She is totally concerned, and is committed to forcing the best from others as well."

"She prods and pushes us until we get the job done."

Coastal students say Mrs. Jones has the ability to make difficult problems seem easy. They look upon her as a friend who is understanding and who never holds a grudge. She is also a very unique individual:

"She has ideas that seem corny but that always work."

"She had a black cat in her desk drawer one day."

"Everything in her room is for sale."

"She doesn't have a TV, but she knows EVERYTHING!"

"She has the cleanest boards in school."

MRS. KAY JONES — a teacher with SPIRIT.

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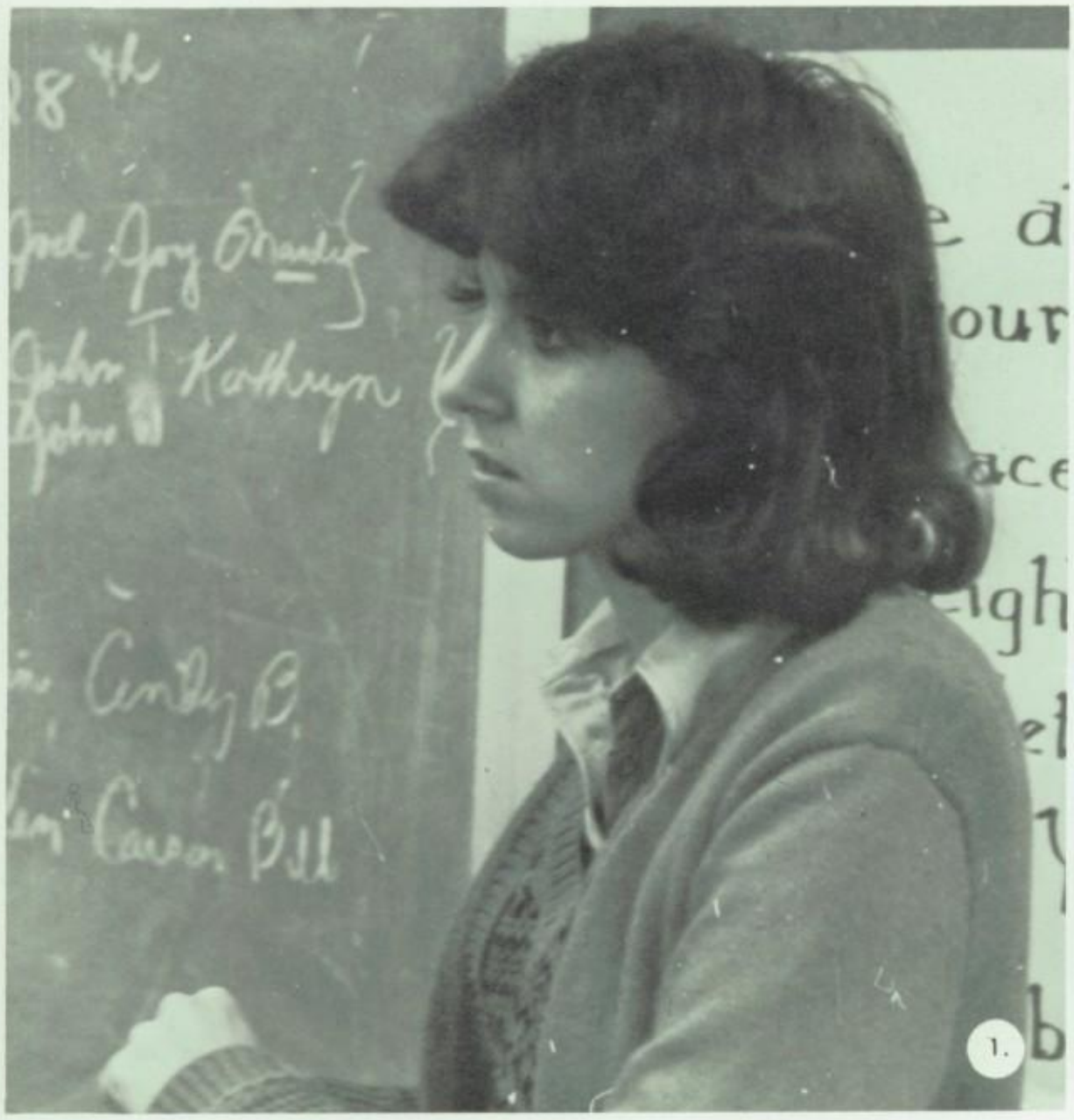

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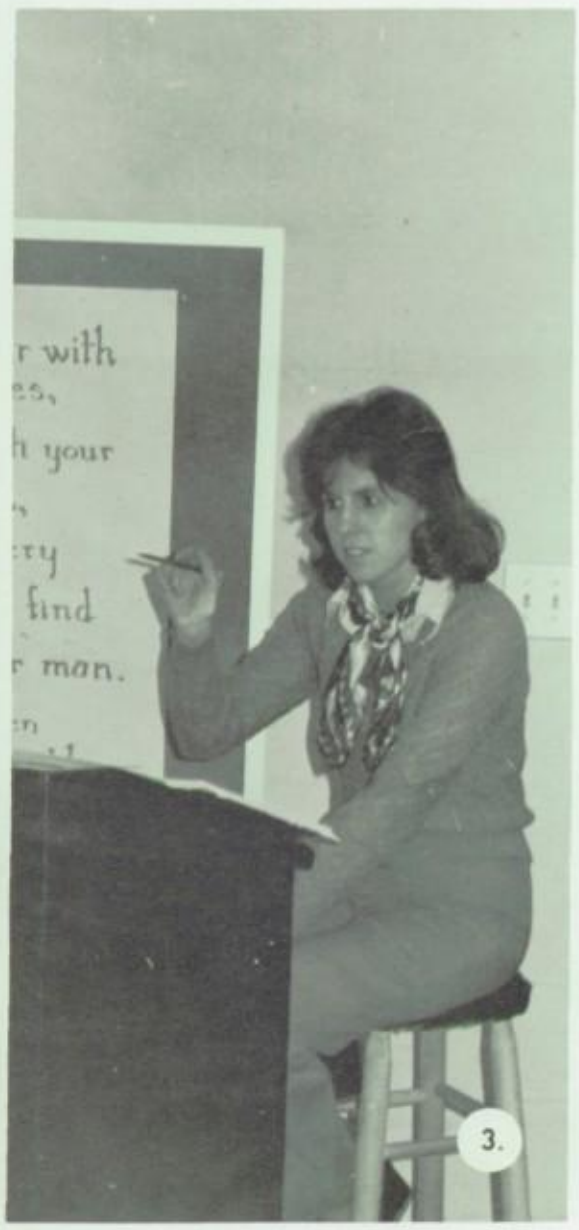

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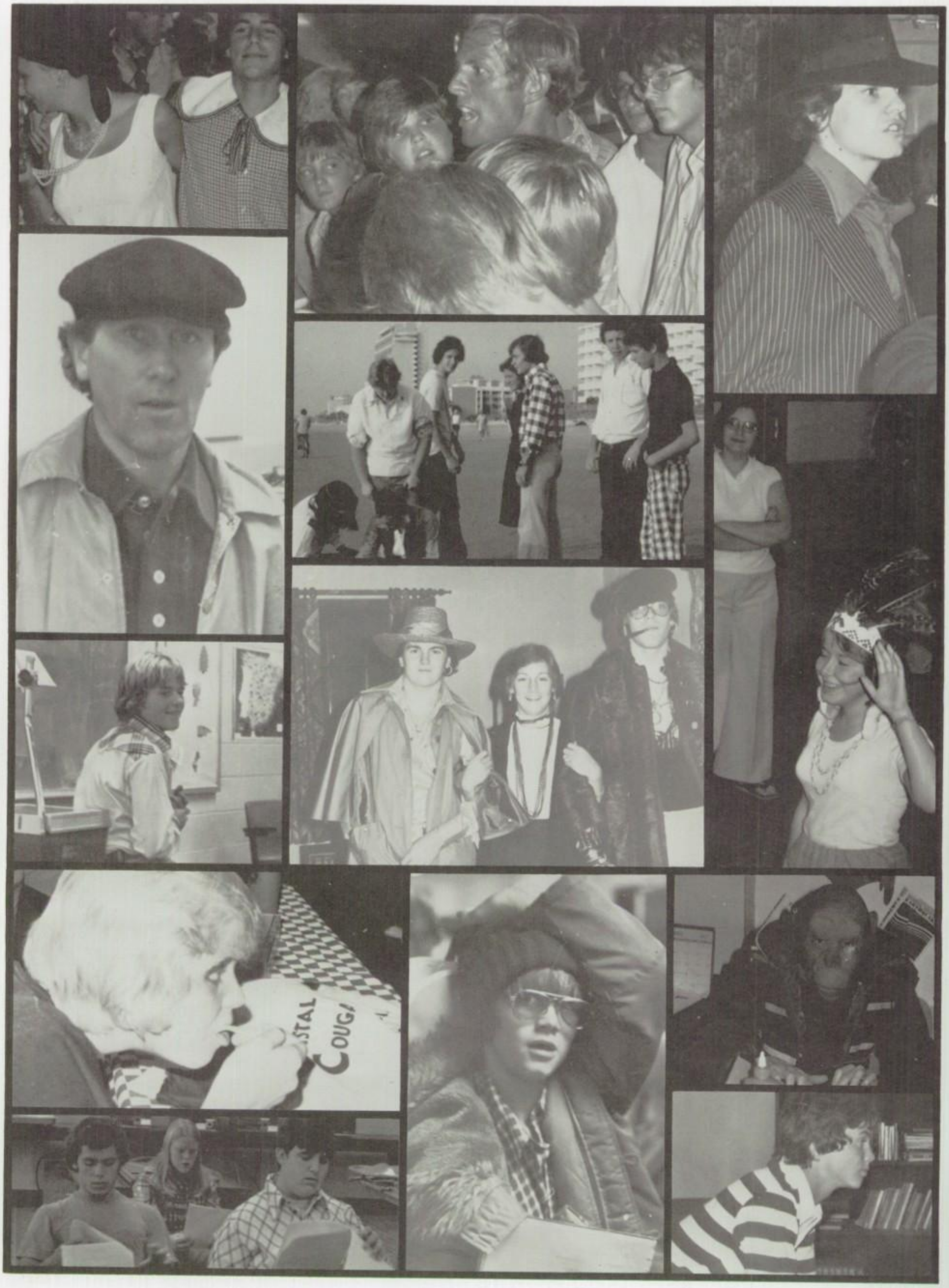

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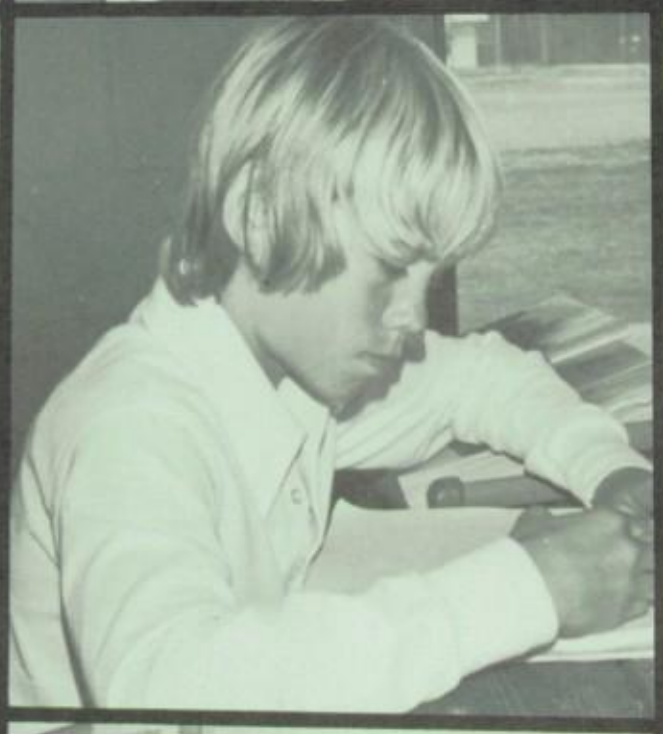

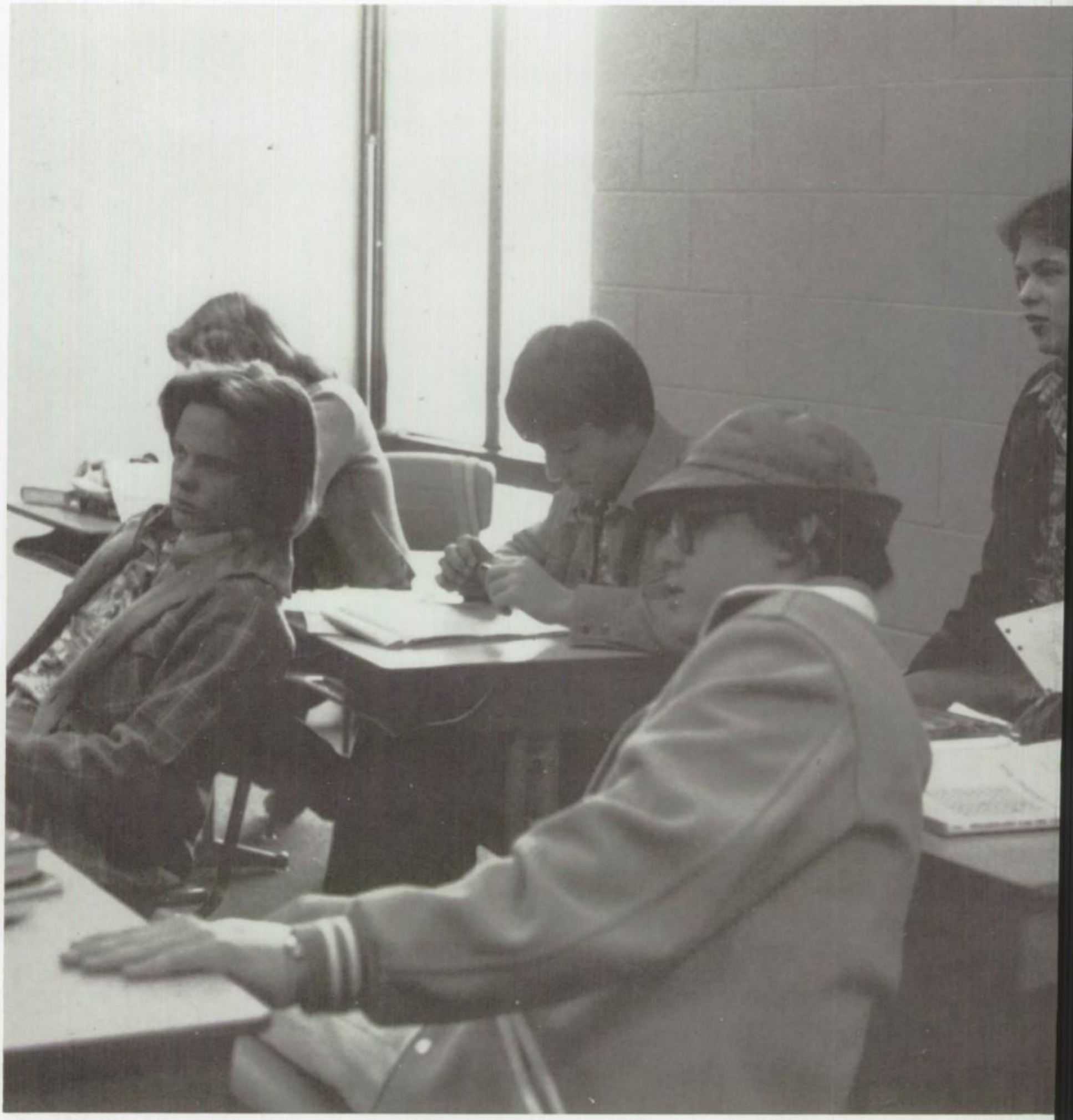

Profiles

Portraits of ourselves and our friends.

Class Leaders Enjoy Community Attractions

The opening of Myrtle Square has meant a great deal to the community as well as to Coastal Academy students. Besides providing a convenient place to shop and work, it is a spot where one is sure to meet friends and socialize. A stroll through the spacious square assures one of seeing familiar faces.

Other places frequented by C.A. students are the many short-order eating places around the north end of town. Seniors, with special lunch privileges, flock there daily.

(1) Everybody loves ice cream, and seventh grade officers are no exception. Ordering their favorite flavors are Catherine Brake, sec.; Ashley McLamb, vice-pres.; Forrest Martin, treas.; and Gene Butler, pres.
(2) Juniors have many book reviews assigned; browsing through current selections are Alec Ivey, treas.; Joel Allen, vice-pres.; Elaine Johnson, sec.; and Joy McLeod, pres.
(3) A fountain makes a good resting place for freshmen Nancy Walker, pres.; Sissy Nuckles, vice-pres.; Sherry Vereen, sec.; and Lisa Johnson, treas.

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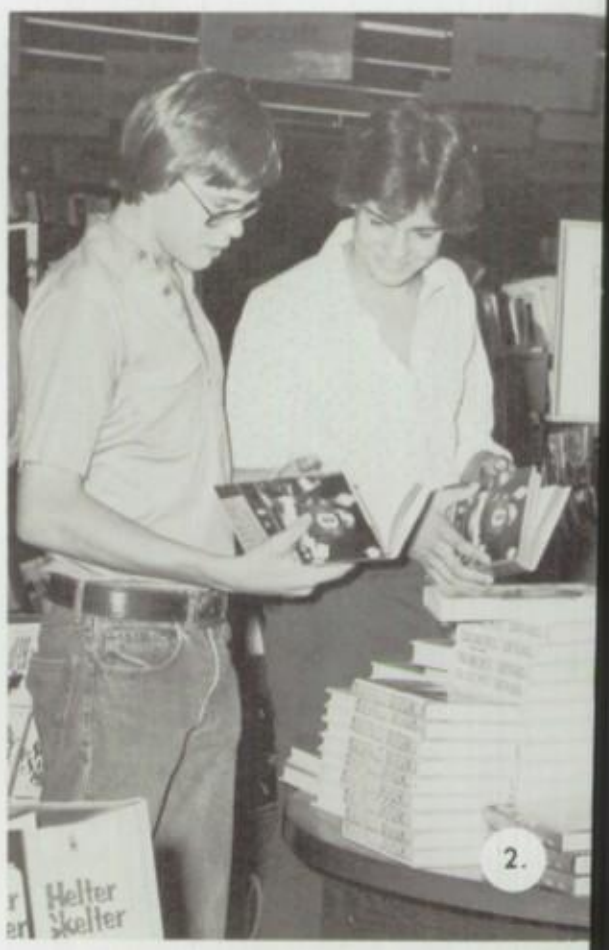

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(1) The gears of a giant clock appeal to eighth grade class leaders. Steve Taylor, vice-pres.; Len Donevant, treas.; Elizabeth Singleton, pres.; and Deborah Holcombe, sec. try to determine the time.
(2) Senior class officers can be found almost daily having a lunch-time pizza at Pasquale's. Lynette Hendrix, sec.; Nancy Avera, pres.; Jerry Oates, vice-pres.; and Tami Springs, sec. put aside school and enjoy lunch.
(3) Stuffed animals at The Playhouse ask to be taken home with sophomores Shari Leach, sec.; Bill Thrailkill, treas.; David Jeffcoat, pres.; and Lewis Butler, vice-pres.

Seniors Remember . . .

Defeating Hammond and ending their streak; being M.C. of the first Miss Retrospect Pageant.

Mitch Watson

Last year's houseparty; basketball games; Hammond game; Jr.-Sr.; the first year of C.A.; Camden.

Trina Thorne

King and Queen of Hearts; ending Hammond's streak; cheering for the Cougars; state championship '72-'73; Miss C.A. in '74; being a ball girl.

Nancy Avera

The first year the school started; the dirt pile in the school yard; taking gym and using the time for study hall; Jr.-Sr. houseparty.

Laura Stevens

On my first day, I walked into the coat rack in Mr. Gore's room and banged my head. You might say I came in with a bang!

Laura Harris

Making up my mind to go to the Jr.-Sr. and going.

Jack Prentice

Mr. Bowers' big red paddle!

Tom Cannon

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(1) Laura Harris came to Coastal as a senior, but quickly got into the swing of things and did her share of Spirit Cards.
(2) Choosing the right college is uppermost in many seniors' minds. Beverly Brandon and Allison Hobeika visited with the representative from Sweet Briar College.
(3) The language laboratory equipment was a new experience for many; even seniors Ruth Small and Laura Millard reacted with surprise.

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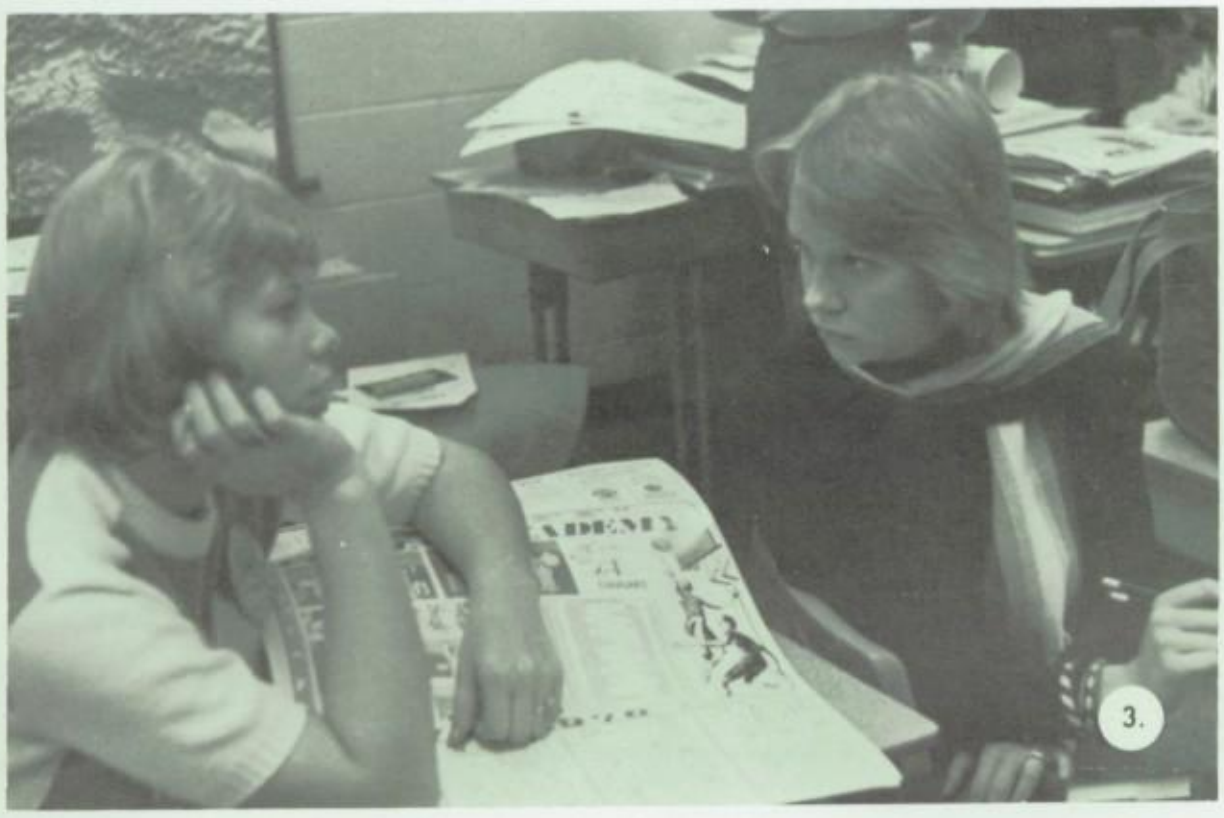

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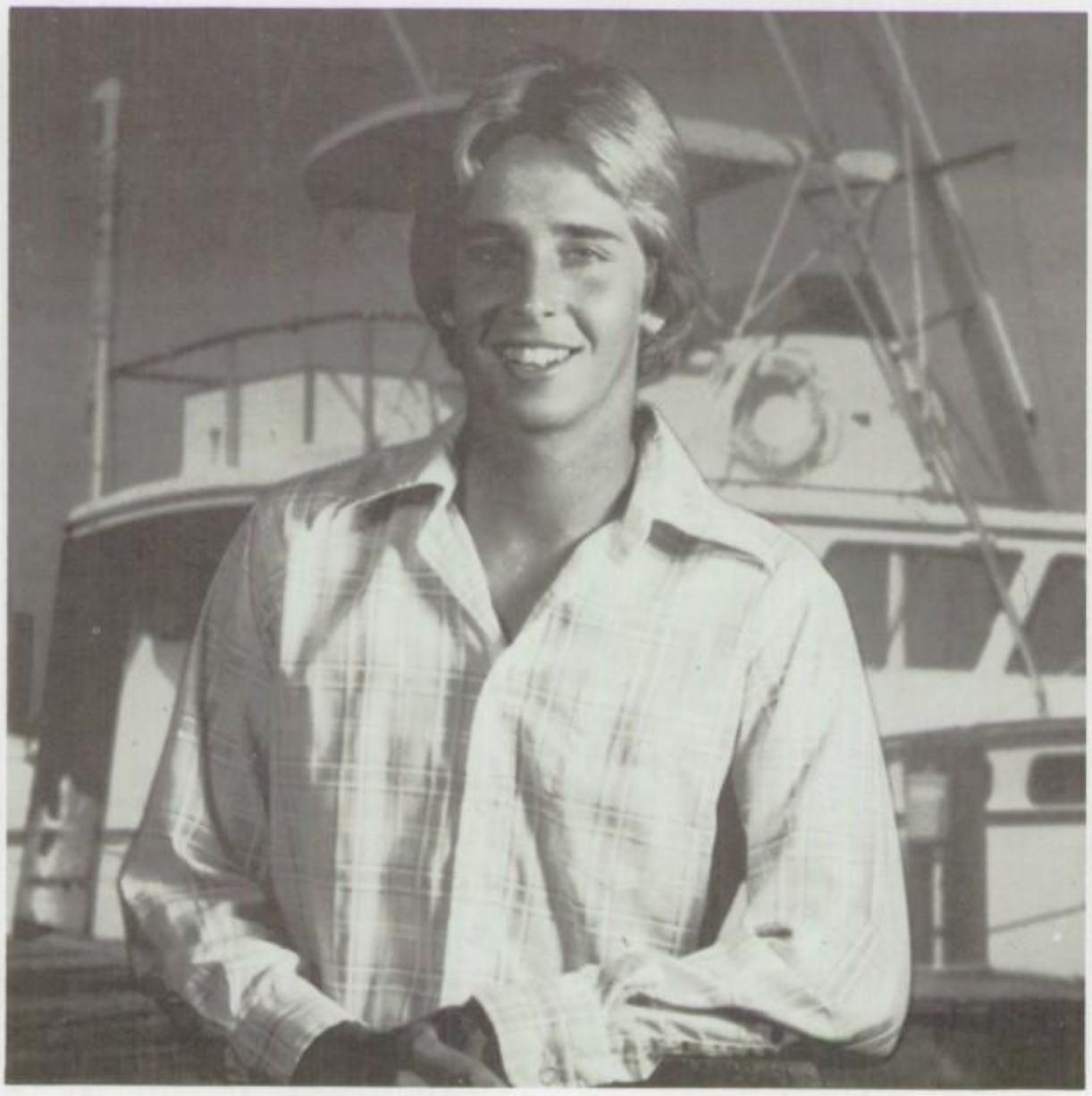
(1) Trina Thorne was able to breathe a little easier after she was accepted by Converse College.
(2) The joys of beach living are clearly defined through Nancy Avera's summertime look.
(3) Selling basketball calendars was one of the seniors' major projects. Becky Long bemoans the fact that she has many more to sell to the sympathetic ear of Lynette Hendrix.
(4) Cheese and crackers is a favorite snack of Brenda Richardson's.
(5) Homeroom is a busy time as seniors plan for coming events. Bill Hardy and Johnny Walton check the calendar to see what lies ahead.

NANCY SANDER AVERA

Nancy, a student at Coastal for five years, enjoys water skiing, swimming, sewing, arts and crafts, and needlework. Scholastic ability has played an important role in her high school life; she has been honored as a Furman Scholar, a Junior Marshal, and valedictorian of her class. She has also been a key figure in extracurricular activities, starting out as varsity cheerleader and later becoming captain. Nancy, known to some as "Charlie," has won the Queen of Hearts title and has captured the Miss Coastal Academy honor. As a senior, her title changed to Miss Retrospect.

Other Activities Include: Class Pres., Student Council 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Beta Club 1, 2 (Sec.), 3 (V.P.), 4 (Pres.); Block C Club 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1.



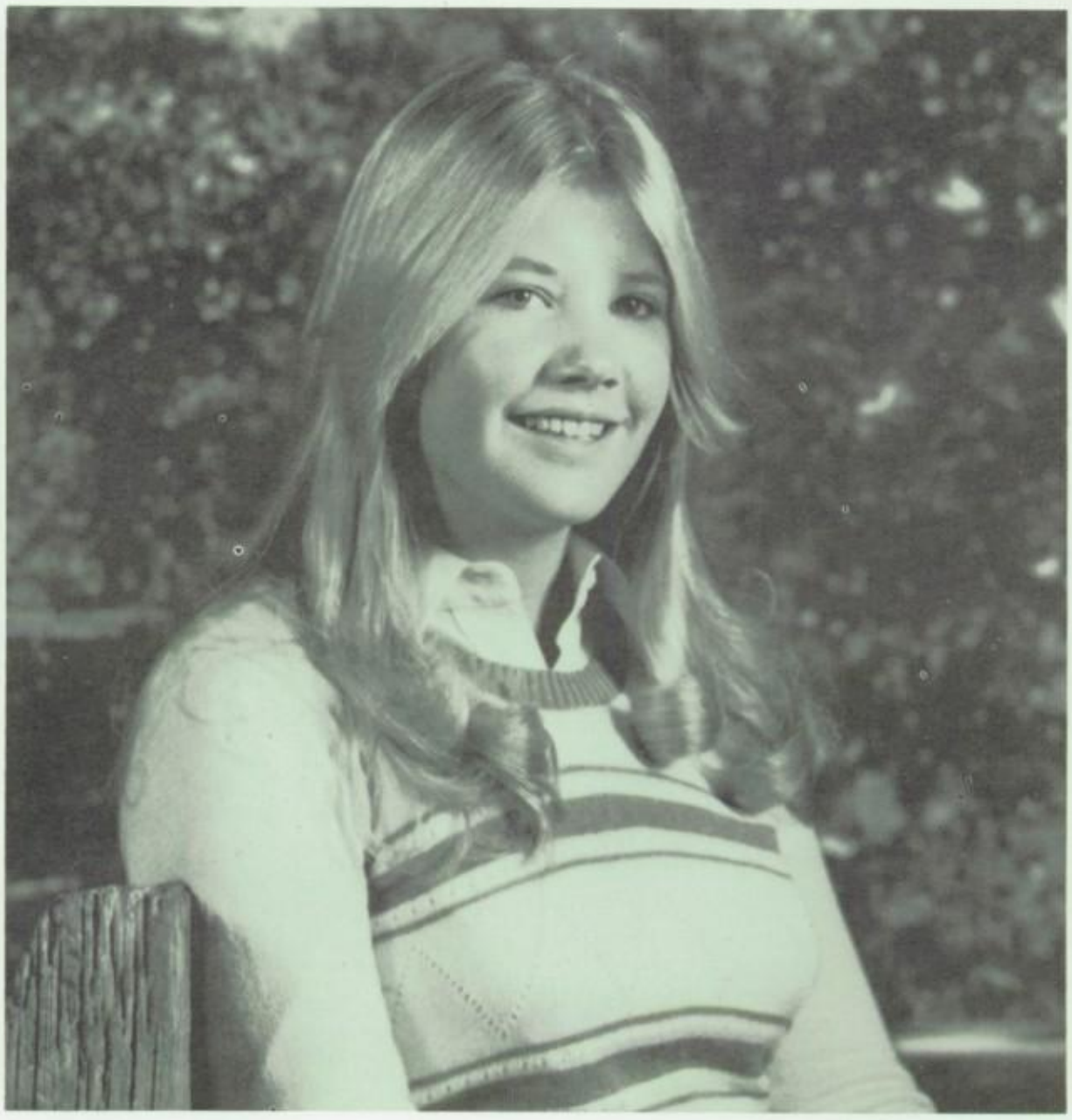
WILLIAM SANDER AVERA

Will loves sports, women, and ice cream desserts, not necessarily in that order. Coming to Coastal three years ago, he has proven to be a very involved student through clubs and sports. He has held offices in Block C (pres.), Junior Civitans (treas.), and has been Student Council vice-president as a senior.

Being very sports oriented has led him to play baseball and basketball. His awards in this field include MVP in JV basketball and the varsity honors of Cougar Award and All-Tournament team (1975).

Because of his scholastic standing, he has been a Furman Scholar, Junior Marshal, and a member of the Beta Club.

Other Activities Include: French Club 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; CAT Staff 2; Mite League Coach.

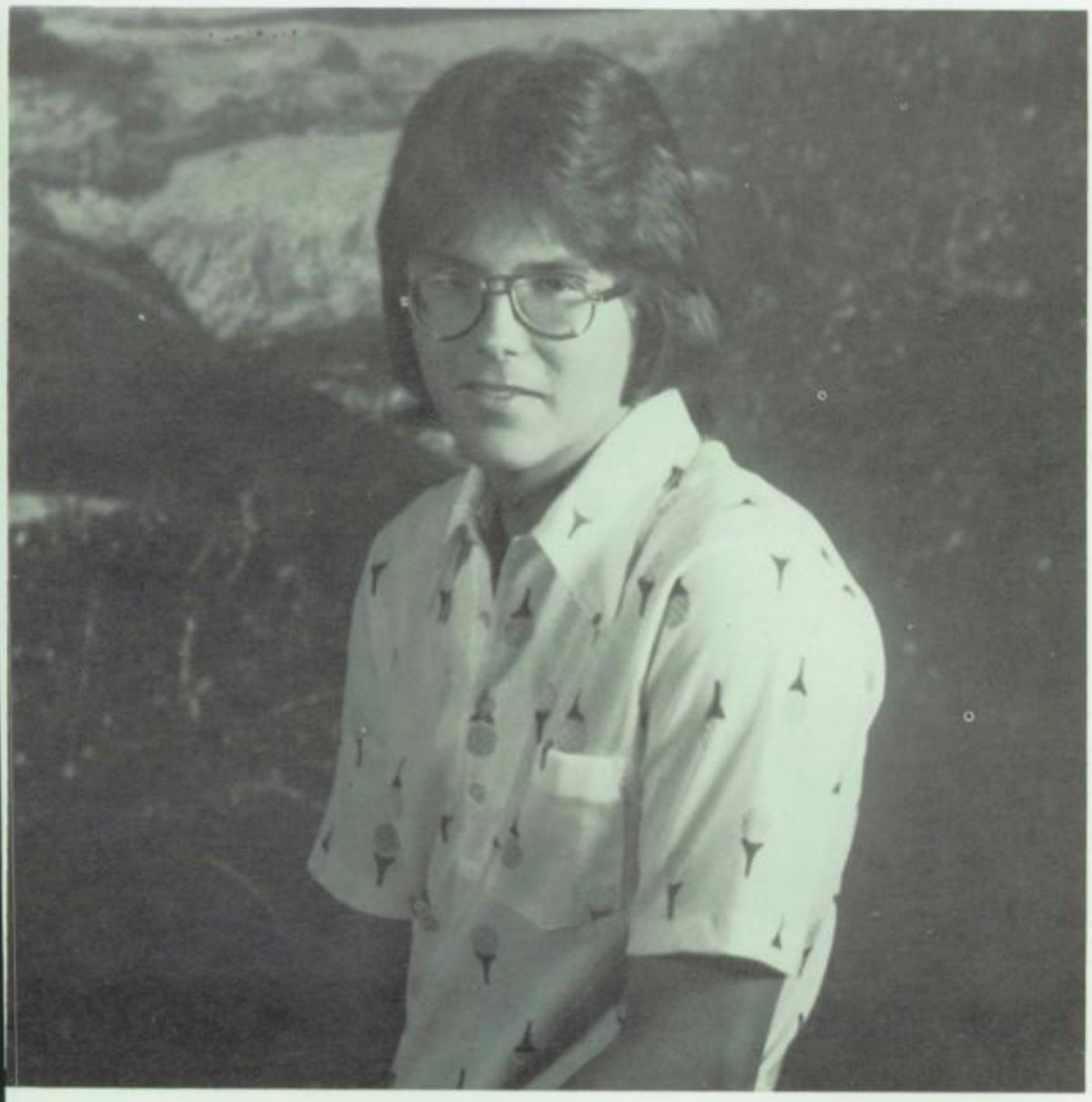


BEVERLY KAY BRANDON

Beverly likes swimming and horseback riding and shows an admiration for sports in general. She has played varsity basketball four years, three of which she was on first string. She also enjoys playing with the tennis team.

Bev, who has been at Coastal since its beginning, has represented her class as an officer (sec.) her junior year and also served the Student Council in the same capacity. She dislikes people who ask stupid questions, but loves lasagne.

Other Activities Include: Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 4; French Club 2, 3; Latin Club 1; Science Club 1; Block C Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Civinettes 3 (Historian and Sergeant at Arms), 4; Annual and Newspaper Staff 2.



THOMAS NEWTON CANNON, JR.

Although Tom is clearly associated with art to his fellow students because of his interest in and ability to draw and paint custom air brush murals, he isn't seriously planning to pursue this field. Instead, he is interested in going to medical school.

Tom does not single out any one person to admire because he believes each individual must continue to achieve to his own limit. Therefore, he appreciates anyone who accomplishes as much as he possibly can.

Besides serving as art editor of the Retrospect his junior and senior years, his other activities include the Science Club for four years, where he was a winner in the Science Fair two of those years, and the Latin Club as a freshman.

STACY ELIZABETH CAPPS

One of these days Stacy may have the title "Senator" before her name since one of her ambitions is to work in the political world. A very outgoing young lady, she enjoys singing, sharing dreams and experiences with others, bike riding, and writing poetry.

Stacy chose to transfer to Coastal for her last two years of high school, but her would-be junior year turned into her senior year after she decided to graduate in 1976.

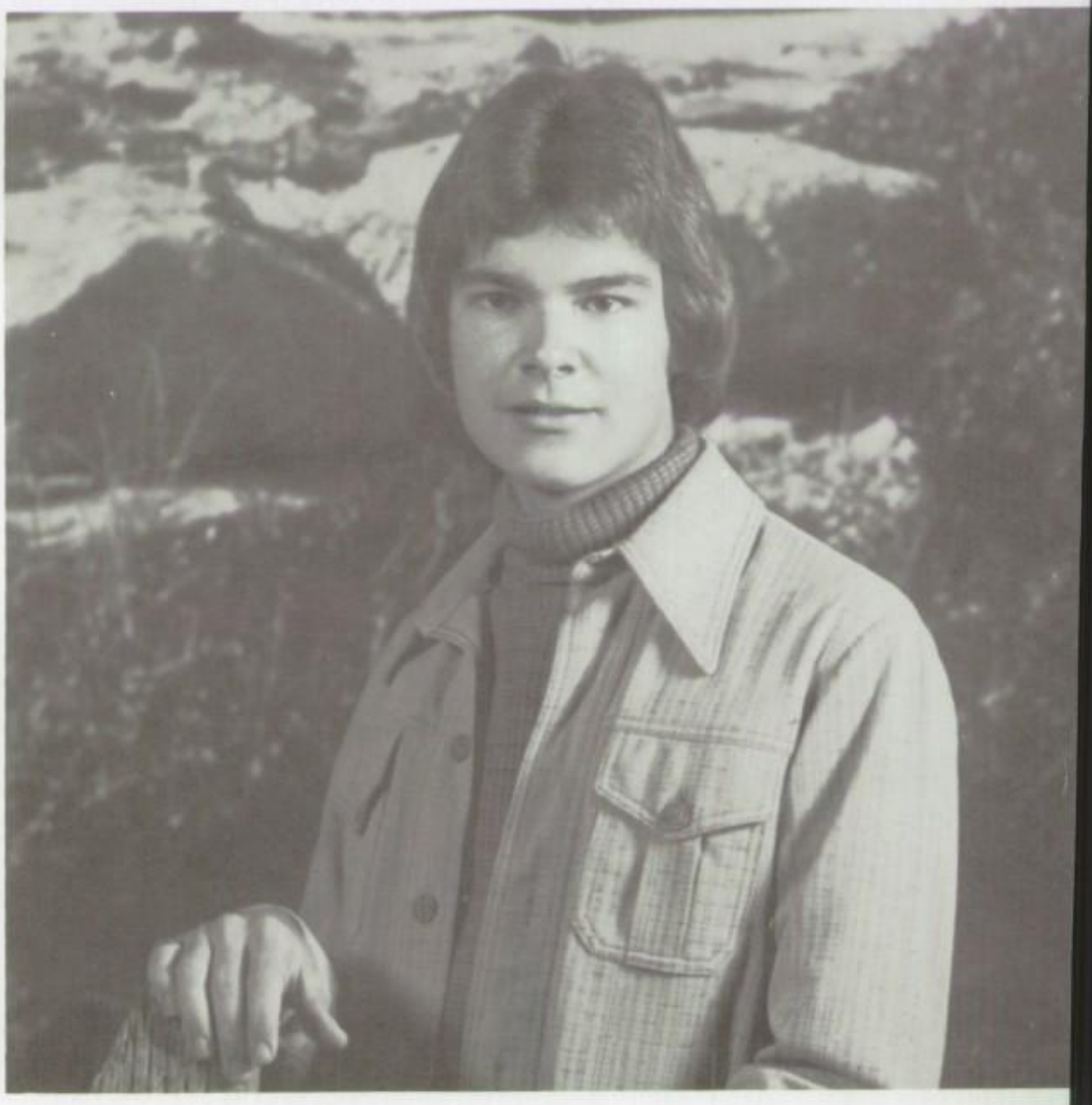
Jumping right into the swing of things, she joined the Pep Club, Glee Club, Science Club, and Civinettes. She also was elected a varsity cheerleader. Stacy has been active in various organizations at M.B.H.S. as well.

WILLIAM McCOMBS HARDY, JR.

Can you imagine having an ambition where you would spend half your life under water? That's what a marine biologist does and that's Bill's ambition. Fishing and scuba diving as hobbies also keep Bill in or near the water. On land he likes to learn the techniques of karate.

During his five years at Coastal, Bill has played soccer and baseball. He has served as president of the Jr. Civitans his last year in school.

Other Activities Include: Science Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1; Yearbook Staff 3.



LAURA LOU HARRIS

If you hate being alone, you should meet Laura since this is the thing she hates the most. Laura is another of those students whose first year at Coastal was also her last.

However, as a senior she quickly made a place for herself academically and socially. Besides becoming an honor graduate, she became an active member of the French Club and Civinettes and a loyal booster of the Cougars through the Pep Club.

When Laura looks into the future, she foresees owning her own boutique and being a wife and mother. She admires her own mother a great deal.

LYNETTE ELAINE HENDRIX

Perhaps someday Lynette will be as well-known in literary circles as the poet e. e. cummings since she too signs her name in lower case letters and plans to get her doctorate degree in English.

Answering to the nickname "Tigger," she has a strong dislike for ignorance. Her ambitions show that she will not likely suffer from this annoyance herself because she wants to study in the field of communications and also fashion merchandising besides her work in English.

Lynette has been a cheerleader and a Junior Marshal as well as a Furman Scholar.

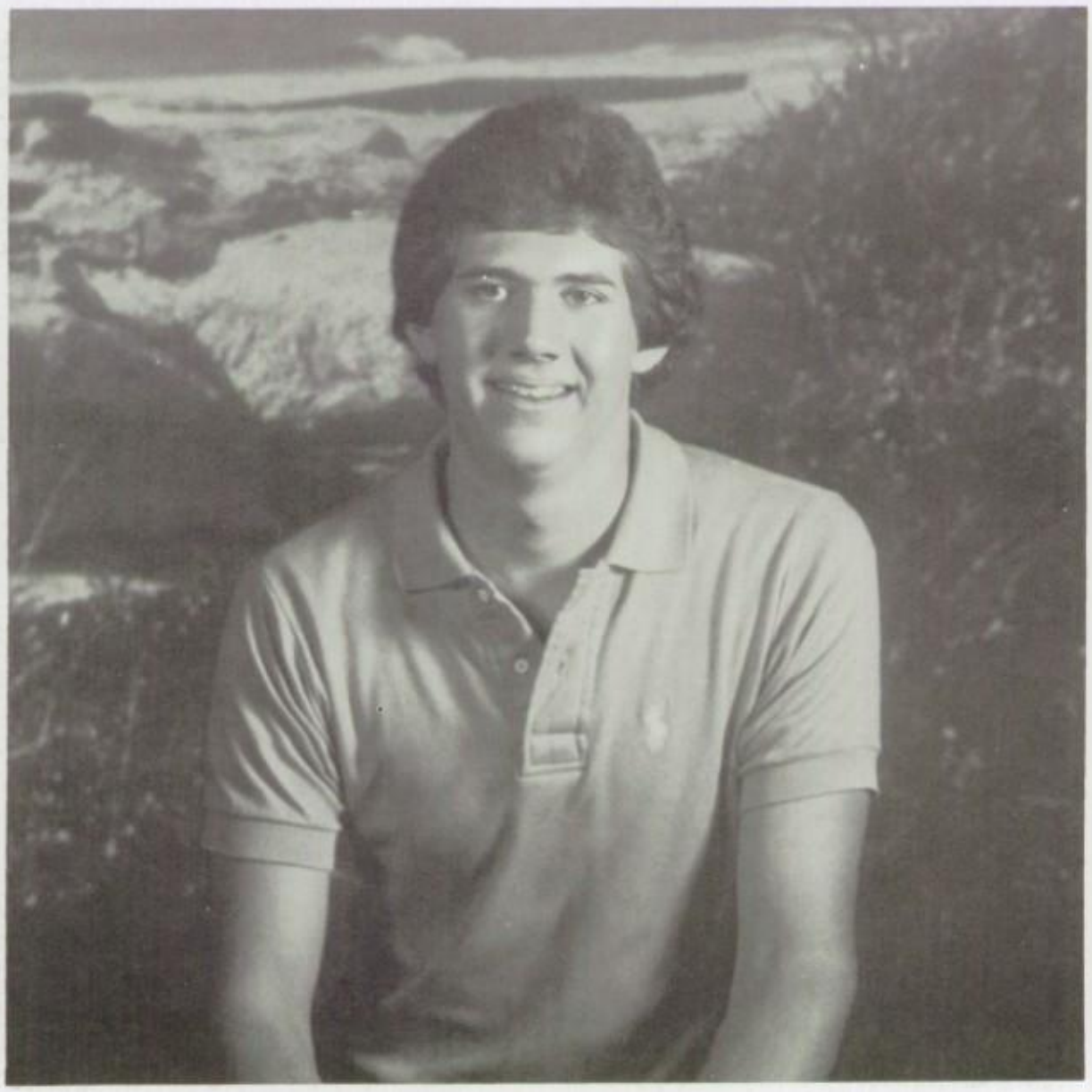
Other Activities Include: Beta Club 1, 2, 3, 4 (V.P.); Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Block C Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 1; Latin Club 1; French Club 2; Civinettes 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2; Class Officer 1, 2 (Pres.); 4 (Sec.).

MARY ALLISON HOBEIKA

Children who have special needs are the ones who need the most attention and help. Allison plans to do something to help these children by going into a field concerning handicapped youngsters. Her training for service to others has been progressing through her activities in Civinettes and Rainbow Girls. She held the office of secretary and then president of Civinettes.

Allison enjoys reading and swimming and has a passion for Chinese food. She has an aversion to bugs, and especially moths!

Other Activities Include: Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 2, 3; Science Club 1; Latin Club 1, 2; Library Club 2, 3, 4; Chorus 3.



JOHN MICHAEL HUGHES

Postgraduate work at Coastal Academy? Mike says it exists since he has voluntarily remained for a second go-round as a senior. His main reason was his love for basketball rather than academics, however.

Mike lists his favorite food as green beans and his most admired person as Abraham Lincoln. He is uncertain what his direction will be when he leaves Coastal.

Besides playing basketball, he has been on the baseball team and coached several Mite League teams. He joined the Pep Club, French Club, and Block C Club.

ELIZABETH FLEMING JONES

Calling Dr. Jones! It may be that one day you will hear Beth addressed in this way in the halls of some hospital since her ambition is to study medicine.

Beth has a distaste for know-it-all people, but she says she admires Howard Hughes and likes fried chicken above all foods.

Having attended the academy since it opened in 1970, she has excelled academically and received permission to graduate a year ahead of her original class.

Her Activities Include: Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Civinettes 4; Glee Club 4; Beta Club 2; Basketball 2, 3.

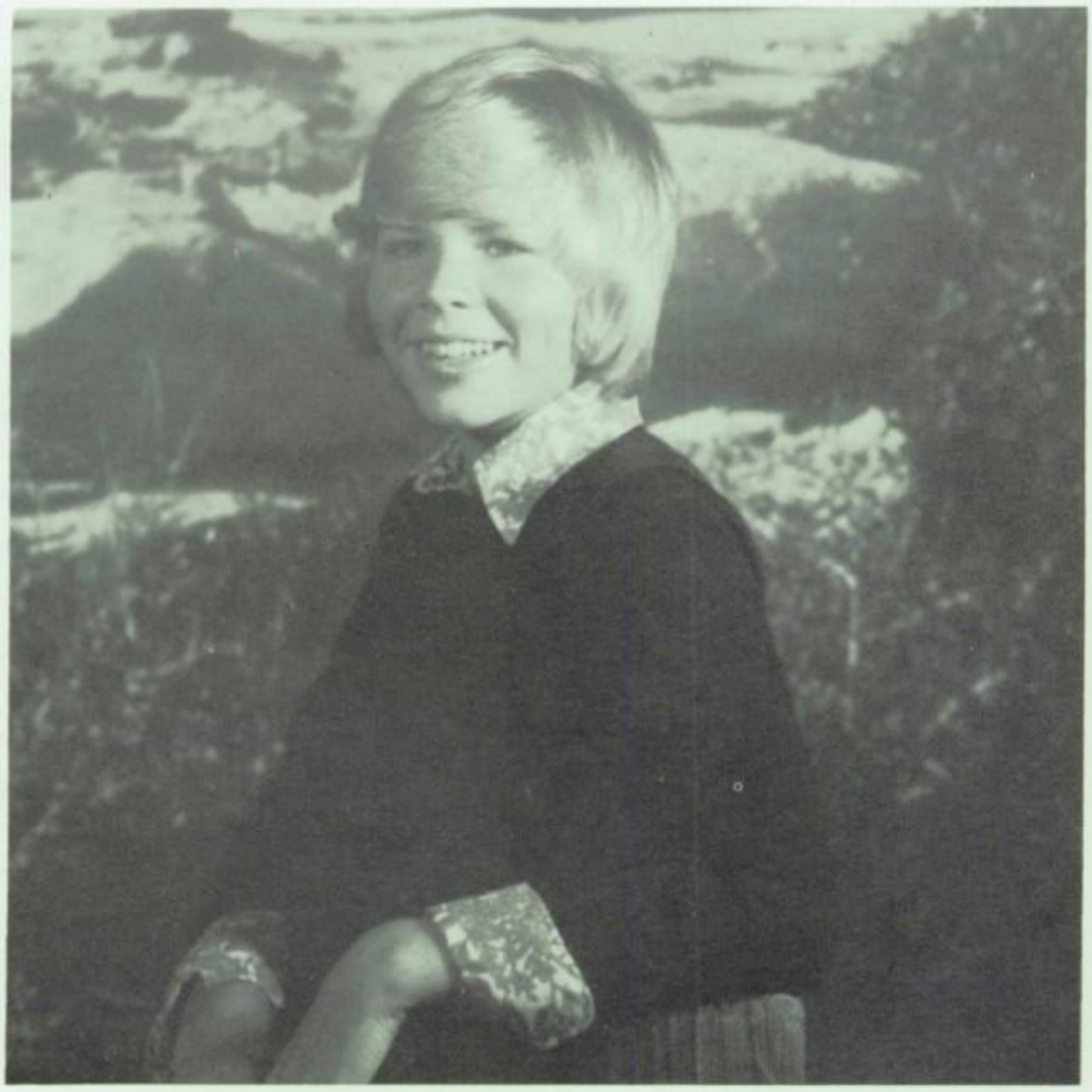
ANNA REBECCA LONG

Becky surely ranks as one of the most spirited graduates of the class since spirit was the name of her game for three years as cheerleader. If not leading a crowd in cheers, she could be found making posters or selling spirit buttons for the Pep Club, which she served as president before graduating.

She avoids people that pick on her, but will come running if the smell of barbecued pork chops reaches her.

Becky has been instrumental in yearbook production, having served as club editor as a junior and copy editor as a senior.

Other Activities Include: Science Club 1, 2; French Club 2; Block C Club 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Civinettes 3, 4; Student Council 4; Head Cheerleader 4.



LAURA LEA MILLARD

Laura leaves her pet peeve behind with Mr. Gore — term papers! She plans a career in fashion merchandising and hopes to be working with clothing and not writing research papers.

Laura admires her father above all others and loves to eat spaghetti. At Coastal she has been a member of the Library Club for two years and was vice-president her junior year. As a senior she joined the Pep Club.

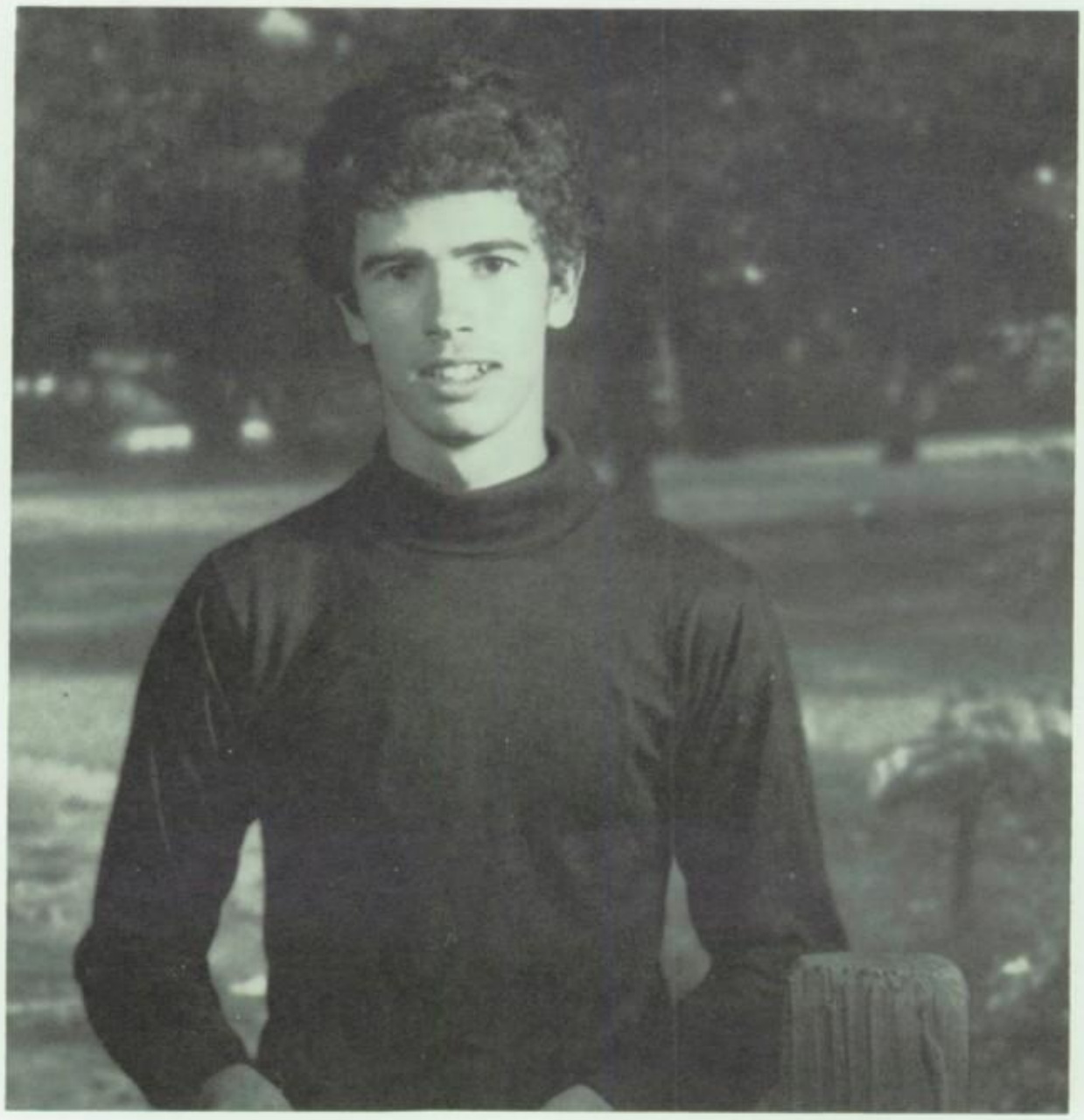
JERRY LEE OATES

One thing that Jerry acquired while at Coastal that will stick with him for a while is the nickname Curly, even though he has struggled constantly to smooth his curls into a state of straightness.

Jerry has been very active in the sports field and has played basketball and golf all four of his high school years and baseball his sophomore year when the team was first begun.

Jerry has been crowned "King" on two different occasions — King of Hearts and King of Harvest — by popular vote of the student body.

Other Activities Include: French Club 2, 3; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Block C Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 2; Latin Club 1; Civitans 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 3.



JOHN R. PRENTICE

Jack may be remembered by his classmates for furnishing one of the most successful Halloween Carnival projects dreamed up — a junked car that went through further demolition by students. He usually puts his mechanical ability to repairing automobiles since he is a racing enthusiast and enjoys tinkering with motors.

It isn't too difficult for Jack to satisfy his appetite for his favorite food since it is a McDonald's Hamburger.

He has played both basketball and baseball during his six years at Coastal, being another who has been a part of the school since it began. He also belonged to the Science and Latin Clubs. His future plans include the study and practice of law.

BRENDA LEE RICHARDSON

Riding horses and walking on the beach are favorite pastimes of Brenda's. She also has enjoyed her position as a guard on the varsity basketball squad for four of her six years at Coastal. Before basketball filled her time, she was a cheerleader for the first Cougar teams. In 1975 she was crowned as the first Homecoming Queen.

Other Activities Include: Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Civinettes 3, 4; French Club 2, 3; Latin Club 1; Block C Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

RUTH ANNE SMALL

Ruth might be described as the typical all-American girl since she lists her hobbies as sewing, cooking, painting, reading, bike riding, raising poodles, and hiking. Adding to the picture of wholesomeness is the fact that her favorite food is apples and that religion plays a big role in her life. Her very typical ambitions include college, work, and marriage.

Ruth attended the academy as a freshman, went back to public school, and then returned her senior year to graduate with Coastal's class of '76.

TAMI LANE SPRINGS

Almost everyone has a pet-peeve, and Tami is no exception. She has an extreme dislike for bugs!

Certainly, however, various judges for the Miss Retrospect contest have not had a dislike for Tami, as she has the distinction of having been chosen Miss Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior. She has also held the title Miss Coastal Academy as a junior. She has been a cheerleader yearly since entering Coastal in 1972.

Tami evidently has the ability to handle finances since she has been treasurer of the class as a junior and senior and has been 1976 Retrospect business manager.

Other Activities Include: Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Block C Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3 (V.P.), 4 (Sec.); Civinettes 3, 4 (Chaplain); Civitan Sweetheart 4; Library Club 2 (Pres.).

LAURA LATANE STEVENS

Laura's life away from school revolves around tennis. She wishes she could become adept enough at the game to play professionally and works constantly to improve. She admires Chris Evert very much.

Other sports-related hobbies include swimming, skiing, and even hockey, which she played during her sophomore year at Stuart Hall, a girls' boarding school.

After returning to Coastal for her junior and senior years, she belonged to the Pep Club, Science Club, and French Club.

KATHARINE LEE THORNE

Trina, who finds bike riding, beach walking, swimming, and reading enjoyable pastimes, hopes one day to be able to devote her full time to these activities since her ambition is to be rich.

Trina is a veteran cheerleader, having been on the varsity squad four years and co-captain twice. She dislikes competition but admires one of her teachers — Mr. Gore.

She has been a four-year member of the Pep Club and a Civinette her junior and senior years.

Other Activities Include: Block C Club 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1; French Club 2, 3.

JONATHAN ABNEY WALTON

Johnny should certainly be up on private schools across the state, since he has attended Hammond and Marlboro Academies before coming as a senior to Coastal.

Although he is first and foremost a lover of golf, Johnny also enjoys basketball and baseball. His ambition is to become a professional golfer, and he would like to pattern himself after Jack Nicklaus.

At the various schools attended, Johnny has belonged to the French Club, Beta Club, and Science Club. He has been a golf team member at every academy.

THOMAS MITCHELL WATSON

"Girls' basketball games are so dumb!" When one hears this statement, Mitch can't be far away since he is always annoyed and frustrated by having to sit through the girls' game before he can get his turn on the court.

Basketball, however, has been only one of the areas in which Mitch has achieved. He has served as Student Council president, been named a Furman Scholar and Junior Marshal, and held office in various clubs, including Beta, Block C, Civitans. He was president of the junior class and 1976 Retrospect editor, as well as King of Hearts ('74). His sports awards include Cougar Award ('74), Captain's Cup ('75), MVP in baseball ('74). Besides all of this, he has been an active member of the Beta Club since its organization.

KIM EVANS WILLIAMS

"Move it, move it, move it!" were words Kim was used to hearing before coming to Coastal two years ago from Carlisle Military Academy. He found the experience of transferring to C.A. very rewarding because of the new people he met and the fact that he understood them. Kim loves steak and hot dogs with spicy chili.

He particularly admires those people who reach their goals, and his ambition is simply to be successful. That sought-after success may be in the field of medicine.

While attending Carlisle, Kim was a cheerleader and belonged to the Chess Team, Weight-Lifting Team, Library Club, NCO Club, and Student Staff.

His Activities at Coastal Include: French Club 3, 4; Pep Club 4; Science Club 3, 4.

(1) Beverly Brandon and Brenda Richardson decide that senioritis might be just another term for spring fever.
(2) Hopefully, Kim Williams will stay in his coffin as long as he looks like the living dead. Kim and other seniors were ghosts and ghouls at the Halloween Carnival.

Grads Spurn Senioritis

As the end draws near and the Yellow-Brick Road stretches into the future, a condition commonly known as "senioritis" strikes. Symptoms include a tendency to become apathetic toward school work and impatient for graduation. A sudden drop in grades often results and can be fatal.

It takes a determined student to avoid contracting the disease, but an honor graduate has this strength. Thus, Nancy Avera, Will Avera, Laura Harris, Lynette Hendrix, and Mitch Watson remained free of symptoms and ranked at the top of the class of 1976.

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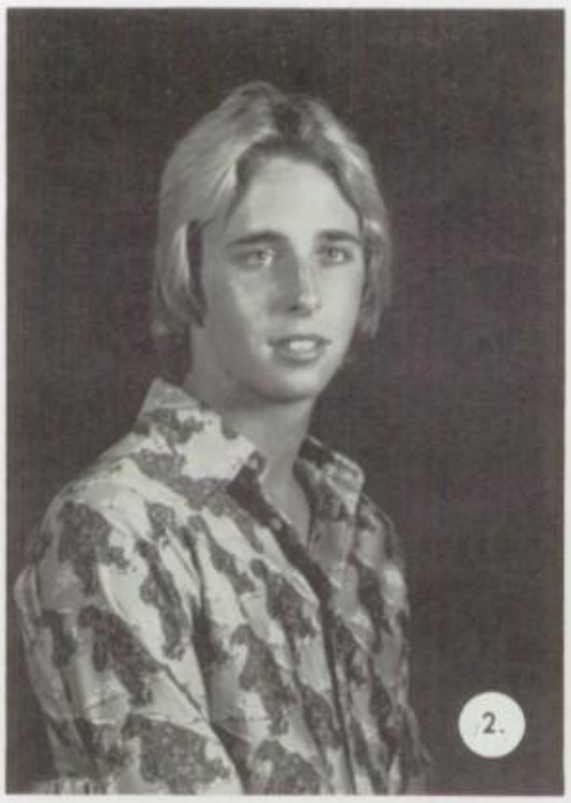
(1) Nancy Avera:
"I have worked hard for four years to rank number one in my class to prove to myself, my family, and my friends that I could do it. I studied to make good grades so I could get into a good school with the chance of winning a scholarship. My parents have been behind me in my work."
(2) Will Avera:
"Any student who is interested in attending college should prepare himself by working hard in high school. When one really exerts himself to his potential, he will naturally come out on top."
(3) Laura Harris:
"There is a certain amount of pride involved in working toward being an honor graduate, but the main reason is that good grades signify the amount one learns — and that is the main reason — to learn as much as possible."
(4) Lynette Hendrix:
"My father, although he never forced me to do anything, always stressed the importance of achievement. After he died, I remembered how pleased he had been when I accomplished something. I realized I would always try to do everything as well as possible."
(5) Mitch Watson:
"Making good grades has always been a challenge to me. In my attempt to successfully meet this challenge, I have studied and worked very hard during my high school years. Being an honor student is a reward for this tedious work."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Seniors Reach Out

To some students, school provides an opportunity to give as well as to take. This giving of time, energy, ideas, spirit, and self seldom goes unnoticed, and various institutions determine that students who are of value to their schools be recognized.

Wofford College bestows the title King Teen upon a senior boy — Kim Williams — and the Daughters of the American Revolution pins a similar good citizen award upon a senior girl — Nancy Avera — who have reached out beyond their own personal little worlds.

Outside his life at school, Kim holds down a part-time job and enjoys a good game of chess.

Nancy fills her afterschool hours with many creative pursuits such as sewing, painting, and needlepoint.

What Does It Take to Make a Junior?

Two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions on a sesame seed bun.
Carson Benton

Filling objectives, striving for goals and working for a cause; having fun no matter what is happening; always planning for tomorrow, working today, and hoping yesterday was okay.
René Bellamy

Passing your sophomore year.
John Williams

To be able to take on responsibilities; to be willing to stay after school and give up free time to help the class in any way possible; to be willing to help and take part in various projects that go on through the year. It is everything from candy bars to the Junior-Senior.
Elaine Johnson

The power of the mind.
Mary Ann Lyerly

Taking orders from seniors; giving them to sophomores; worrying about PSAT, SAT, college, Jr.-Sr., and new ways to raise money.
Kelly Howland

You have to be at least three feet tall; to be crazy about the opposite sex; to strive for the ultimate; most important, you have to be yourself.
Joel Allen

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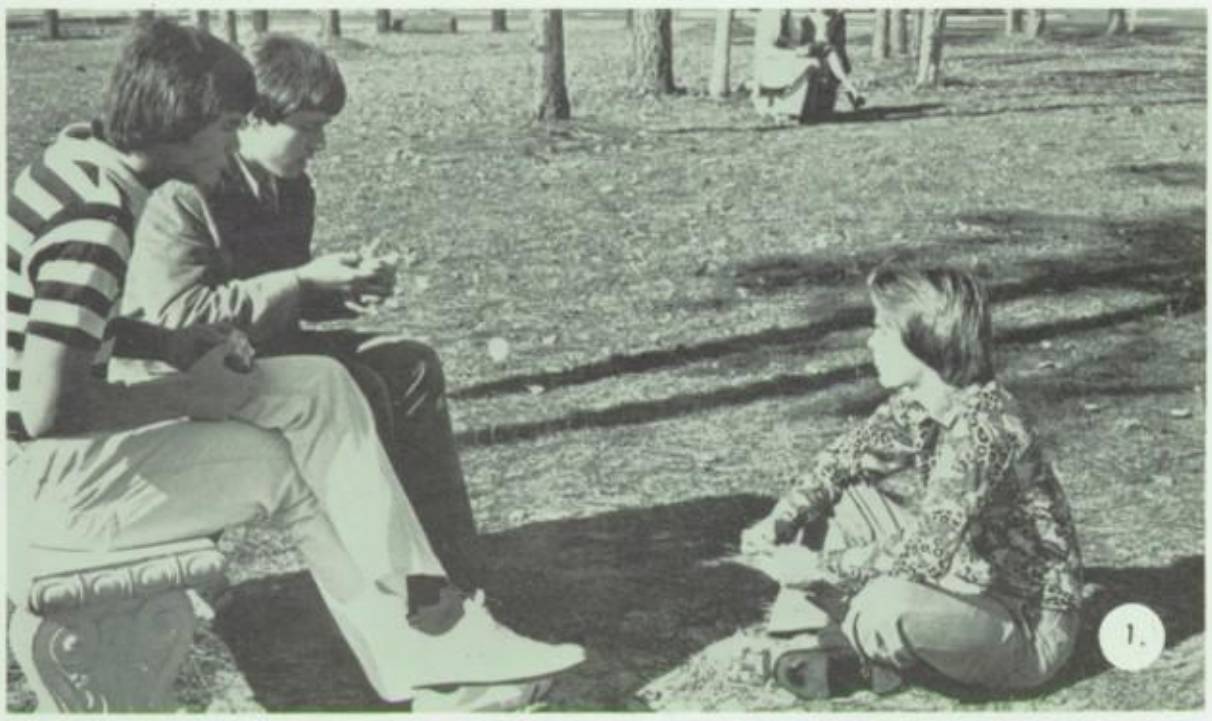
Joel Allen
René Bellamy
Carson Benton
Cindy Brown

Bill Cameron
Ann Cromley
Cindy Floyd
Carlton Hamilton



Opposite page:
(1) Kathryn Martin presents center fold to Cindy Floyd at Christmas program.
This page:
(1) Juniors Kyle Price, John Williams, and Kenneth Hucks enjoy lunch break outside in warm weather.
(2) Cindy Floyd, Ken Register, and Mandie Harrelson put aside their books and wait for the bell.
(3) When things get rough, Mary Ann Lyerly bares her fangs in disgust.

Mandie Harrelson
Kelly Howland
Kenneth Hucks

Alec Ivey
Elaine Johnson
Mary Ann Lyerly
Kathryn Martin

Just one more year

Unwilling to give up

nothing can stop us now

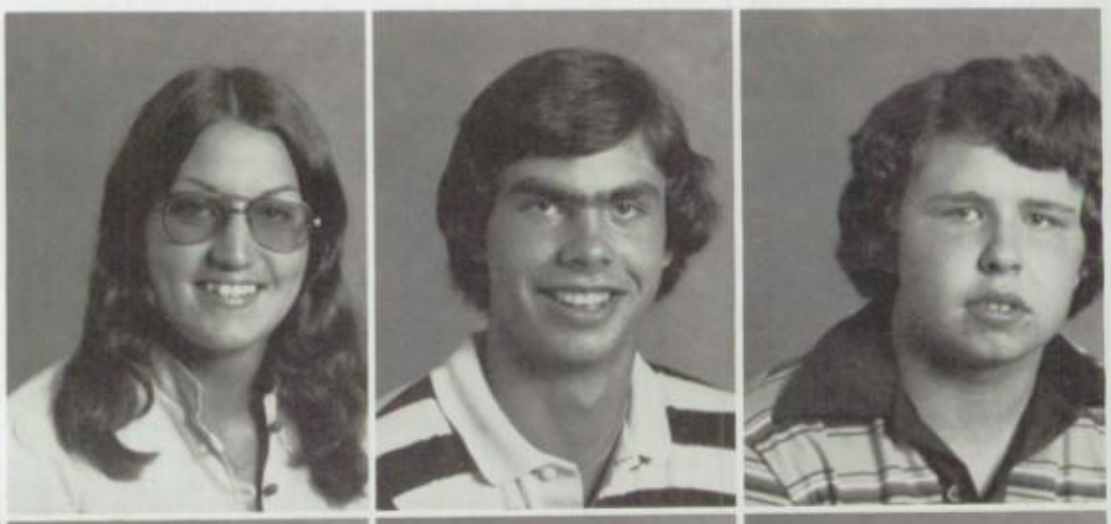
incapable of defeat

Opportunity begins

ready for anything

Joy McLeod

(1) Bill Cameron, always concerned with his school work, prepares assignments while René Bellamy and Kyle Price enjoy a junior class planning session.



Joy McLeod
Kyle Price
Junior Ramsey

Ken Register
Jeff Stuart
John Thorne
John Williams

Scholars Are People

Being a Furman Scholar means being honored for scholarship, citizenship, and moral excellence. For six hours a day, five days a week these young men and women work hard at being at the top of the junior class. Yet after school hours, they seek various means of relaxation or recreation.

Joel Allen (2) always reaches for a snack with he arrives home from school before he pursues his favorite pastime: playing or watching basketball.

Kelly Howland (3) unwinds after a hard day by settling into a bean bag with a current teen magazine and a bag of cookies.

Joy McLeod (4) finds that music lifts her spirits; so she often chooses a popular recording group from her tapes.

Ken Register, (5) a Boston terrier owner, enjoys a romp with one of his two dogs before beginning homework for the next day.

(1) Ken Register, Kelly Howland, Joel Allen, and Joy McLeod are eligible for scholarships offered by Furman University. They also have the opportunity to visit the campus on Furman Scholar Day held in the spring.

Sophomores — Getting Wheels Is Like . . .

It's like playing tackle football without pads.

David Jeffcoat

Moonlight drives on the beach, dates, basketball practice, and screeching out of the parking lot; hot roddin' down the boulevard during the summer; and forgetting to turn off your headlights every foggy school morning.

Ronnie Nuckles

Washing it every Friday afternoon and praying not to get egged that night . . . then washing it again Saturday morning.

Gene Wilkes

Egging is easier and it beats walking; you can date and go parking anytime you want; but cars can be problems when you only have $10.00 for gas and only get 11 miles to the gallon.

Kelly Neal

Great! But I only have two — my bike!

Melissa Dargan

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Lawton Benton
Lewis Butler
Craig Cannon
Gail Chestnut

Harry Cushman
Melissa Dargan
Jan Gore
Tommy Hamilton
Mike Hobeika

Julie Holcombe
Kris Howland
Dennis Hucks
David Jeffcoat
Jo Jerdon

Opposite page:
(1) Gail Chestnut prefers to tune out the lesson of the day!
(2) Ronnie Nuckles awaits customers at the sophomores' Country Store at the Halloween Carnival.

This page:
(1) Julie Holcombe always has a smile for the occasion.
(2) The seriousness of the topic under discussion by the class has impressed Jan Gore and Cathy Taylor, but Melissa Dargan and Robin Williamson seem to have a private joke.

Louis LaBruce
Shari Leach
Margaret Martin
Tera Myers

Kelly Neal
Ronnie Nuckles
Paige Price
Deena Talbot
Cathy Taylor

Bill Thrailkill
Angela Todd
Al Wheless
Gene Wilkes
Robin Williamson

Freshmen Become Headmaster for a Day

If I were headmaster, it would be a fun time for everybody; no work, no tests, and I would have Elton John come and talk to us.

Karla Talbot

I would let everybody do their own thing.

Bonnie Baldwin

If I could be headmaster, I would have a rock concert on the playground every day at lunch.

Randy Bellamy

If I were headmaster for a day, I would be much lighter on the students, hire new teachers, cut classes to twenty minutes and have three lunch breaks. I would also let Friday, the day before the Clemson vs. Carolina game, be a holiday.

Scott Miles

I would let people chew gum, wear what they want, and be able to whisper in class. Also I would put in more classroom participation instead of boring notes and lectures.

Nancy Walker

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Bonnie Baldwin
Randy Bellamy
M. C. Brown

Bonnie Leigh Brake
Richard Capps
Dana Chandler
Laura Ely
Tina Floyd

Opposite page:
(1) Last minute changes to homework can always be made; Bonnie Leigh Brake discovers a mistake and takes pains to correct it.
(2) Chet Smithwick shoves his hands in his pockets and waits for the school day to begin.
(3) A hurried snack is grabbed by Lisa Johnson, Celeste Riddle, Laura Ely, and Cricket McDuffie during morning break. Some freshmen say if they were headmaster they would make break thirty minutes long and extend lunchtime to two hours.
This page:
(1) "If I were headmaster, I would be like Mr. Taylor and try to do my best to help the students," states Chip Martin as Randy Bellamy attacks his sandwich.

Karen Gore
Lisa Johnson
Sandra Leach
Chip Martin

Cricket McDuffie
Scott Miles
Sissy Nuckles
Celeste Riddle
Ronald Rolfe

Rodney Rolfe
Jacquelin Rowe
Bob Sabastianski
Rachael Small
Chet Smithwick

Karla Talbot
Sherry Vereen
Nancy Walker
Sue Ann Willard
David Witherspoon

Eighth Graders Express Ideas on Becoming a Teenager

You get to stay out longer on Friday and Saturday nights; you change from hating girls to liking them.

Jay Huggins

It means you have to pay $2.50 to get into the movies; it means you get to take music from that beautiful Miss McNinch; and it means the girls are getting better built and less shy.

Roper Wilkes

It means you become more mature and become interested in things you have never been before — boys!

Lou Springs

Nothing in my life has changed.

George Gore

You get to do more things and go more places.

Steve Taylor

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(1) Renee Graham expresses her own version of "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" in the gym during an activity period.
(2) There is always a way to eat in class, as George Gore proves by covering his sucker with his notebook — and his mouth!
(3) Edwin Martin and Kim Blanton discover one of the joys of being a teenager.

Teb Baugh
Cissy Berry
Kim Blanton

Jenny Cohen
Beth Cooper
Len Donevant
Gina Floyd

George Gore
Renee Graham
Roy Harrelson
Deborah Holcombe
Jay Huggins

Perry Juliano
Edwin Martin
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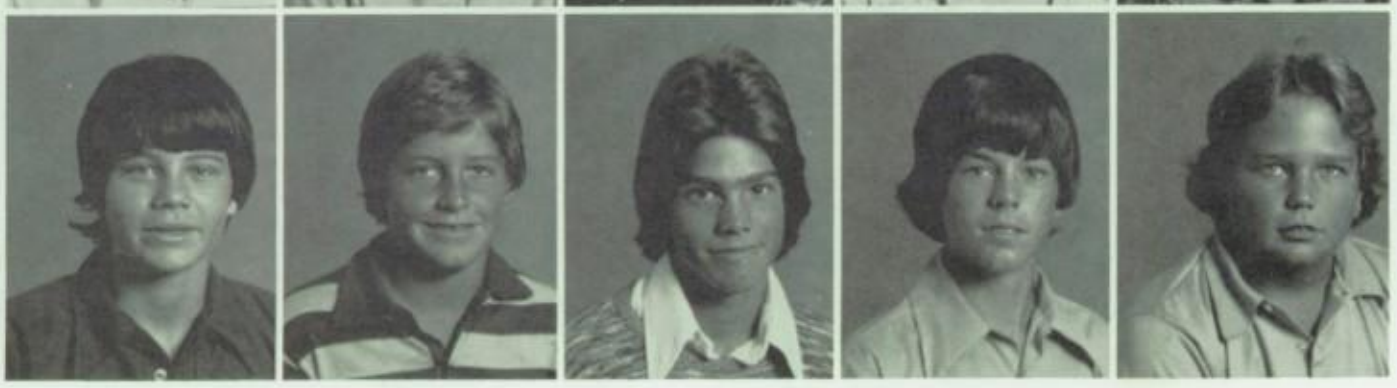
Casey McDuffie

Keith Nixon
Alan Nuckles
Elizabeth Singleton
Robin Smith
Lou Springs



Michael Stephens
Steve Taylor
Edward Thorne
Scott Wasserman
Roper Wilkes

Seventh Graders Define a Report Card

A paper that says you're stupid.
Susan Harris

It is money in my pocket when I get A's and B's and punishment when I get D's and F's.
John Durant

When you get it, you either get beat or praised.
John Gore

A good excuse to commit suicide.
Klave Jackson

A card that tells you whether or not you have instant wealth or instant death.
Bill Marsh

Too much information to be given out.
Karen Humphries

A good way to die young if you see only consonants, (B, C, D, F).
Mosley Hardy

DEATH WARRANT!
Duffie Stone

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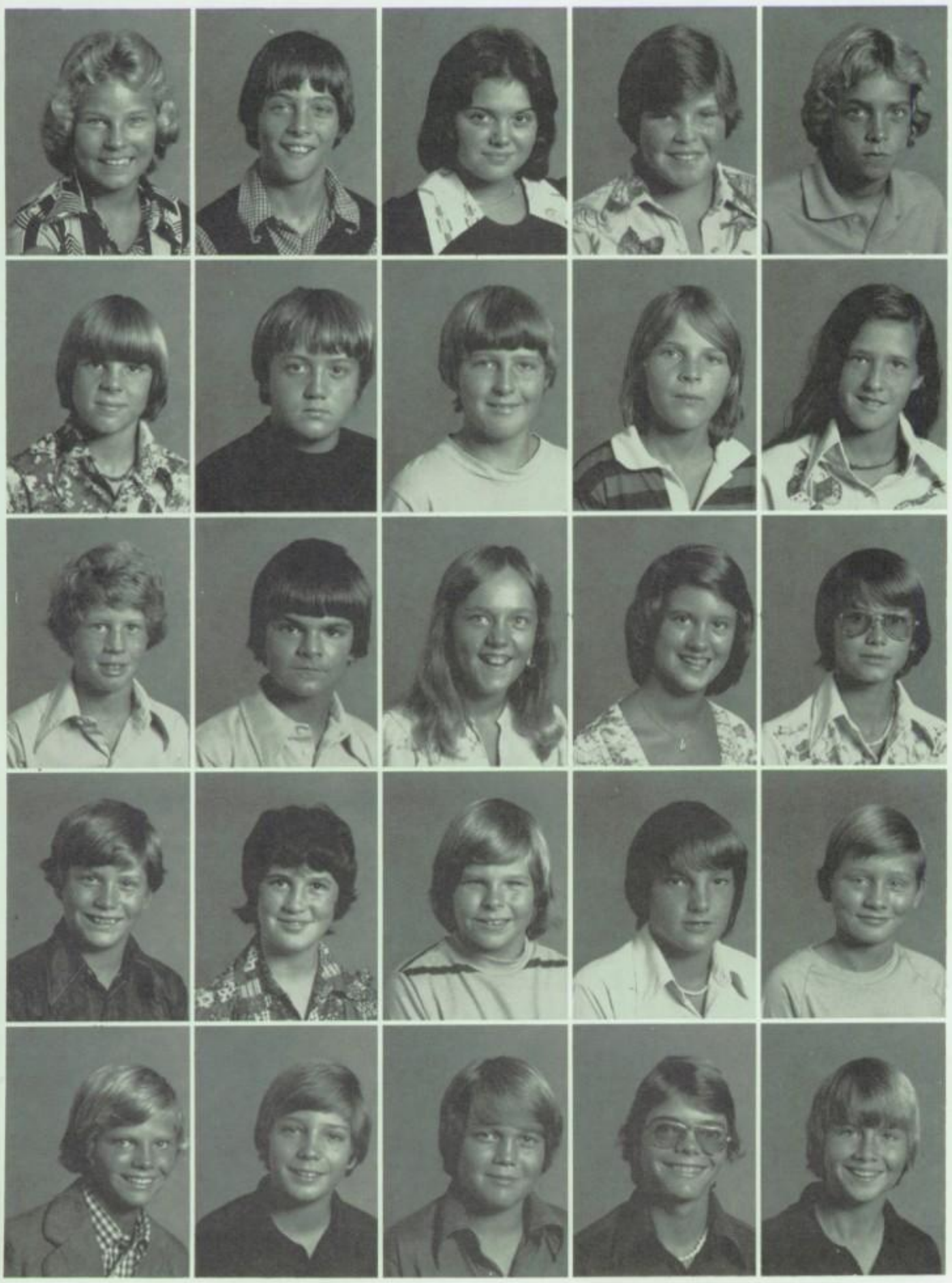
Opposite page:
(1) Seventh and eighth graders enjoyed the performance of "Fruitcake" at the Christmas cantata as much as the audience.
This page:
(1) Duffie Stone is obviously not being given a report card, but a $25 check for being top magazine salesman.
(2) Mosley Hardy works with ruler and compass to create a geometrical figure.
(3) Klave Jackson is prepared to brave the cold weather that penetrates into the student lounge.



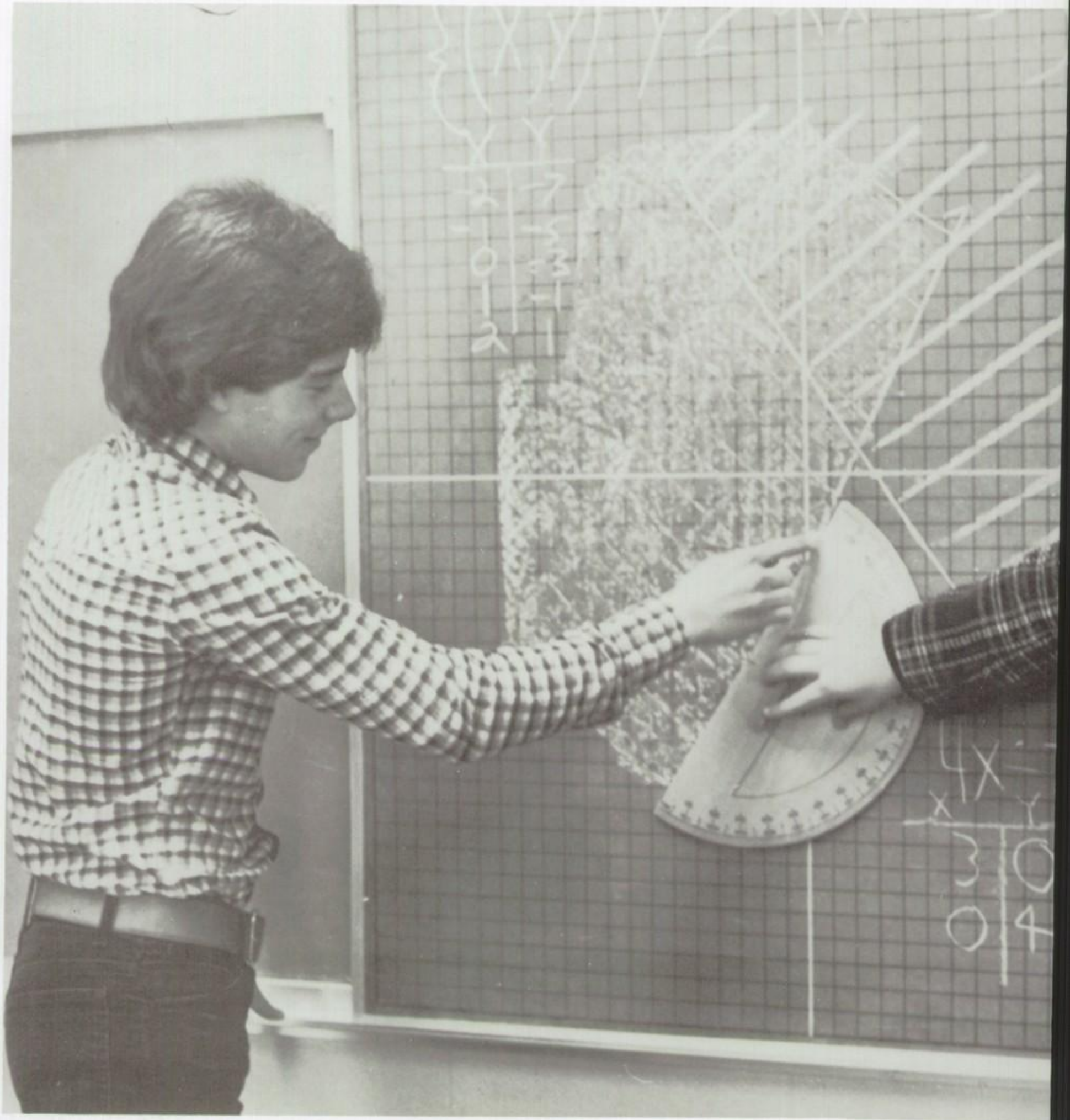
Cara Bishop
Ricky Bowers
Catherine Brake
Scott Brandon
Gene Butler

Wimp Clarkson
Ned Donkle
Clay Dunnagan
John Wesley Durant
Allison Farlow

John Gore
Mosley Hardy
Susan Harris
Karen Humphries
Klave Jackson

Jay Jeffcoat
Meg Johnson
Jay Kennedy
Ashley McLamb
Bill Marsh

Forrest Martin
Duffie Stone
Thomas Wallace
Art Wheless
Cecil Worsley



Intelligence

our capacity to understand and ability
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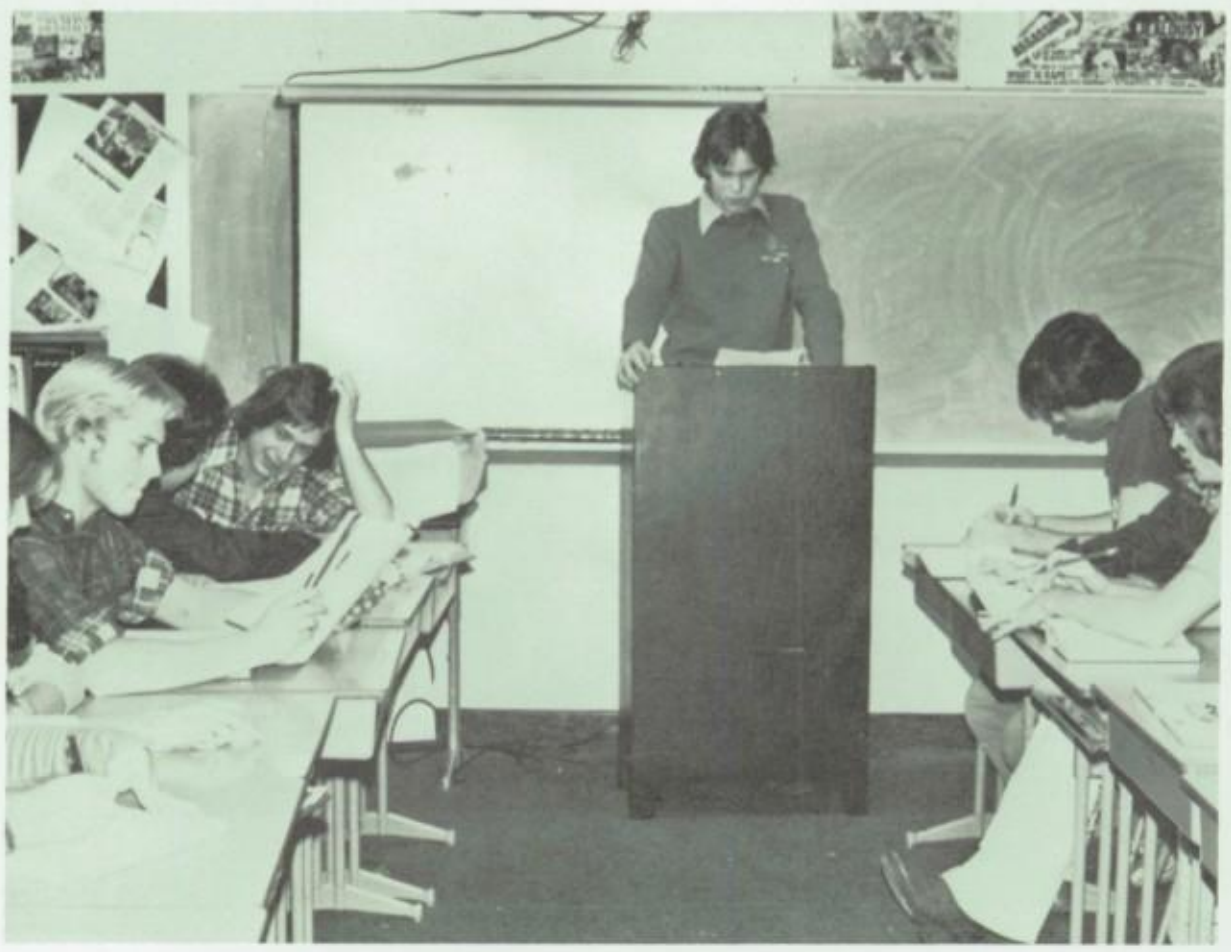
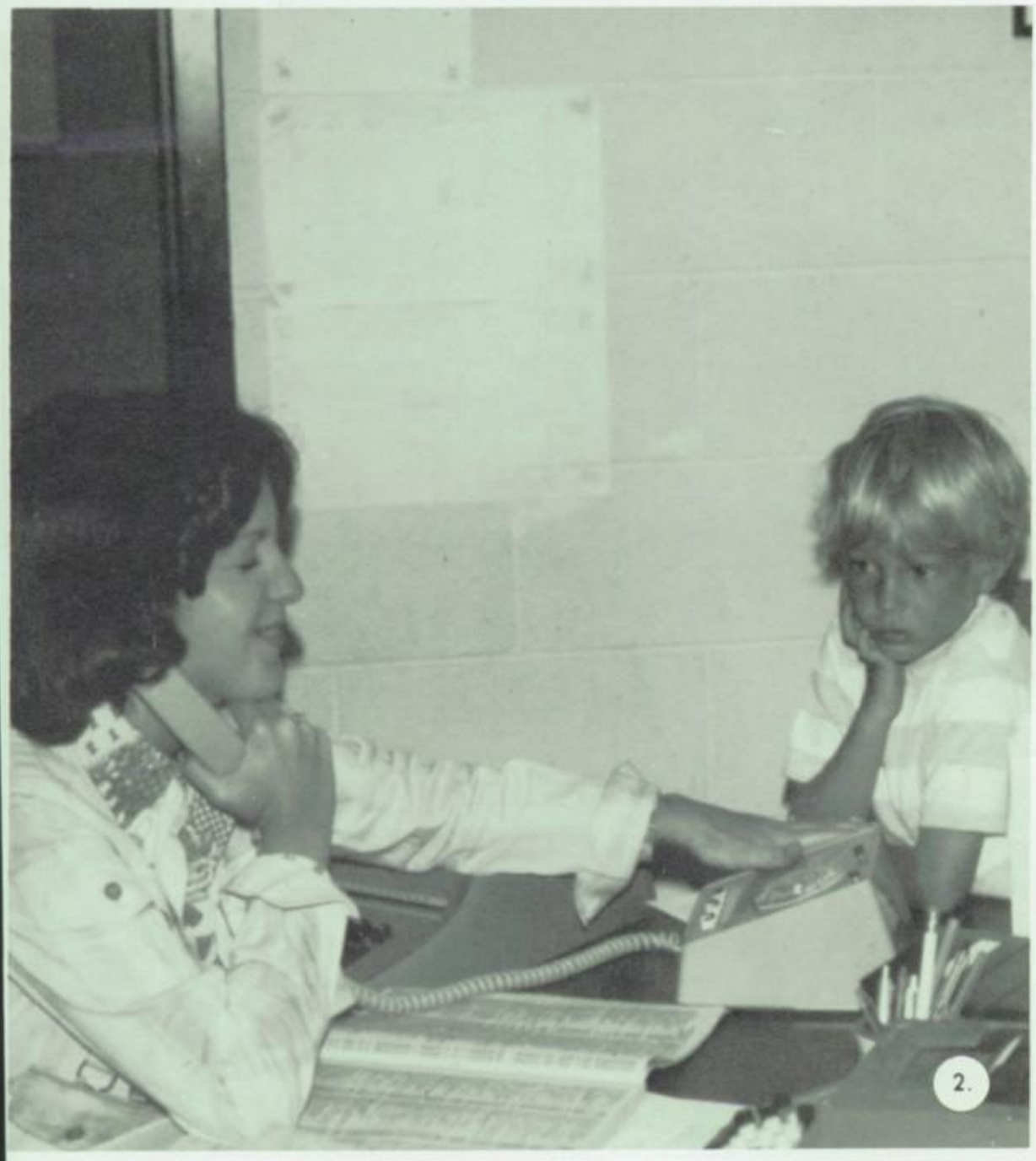


Headmaster Is Man in Middle

Mr. F. Carroll Taylor is a man who can be extremely proud one day and in the depths of despair the next because he must constantly make decisions that upset others. However, most of the time he likes his job because he enjoys watching young people grow, change, and succeed.

Mr. Taylor states, "Some of my major complaints are students' failure to do what they are capable of, making excuses, lack of consideration for the feelings of others, and saying they hate the academy but still staying. Coastal seems to take the blame for some of the students' own inferiority complexes or shortcomings."

"However, the majority of the time I enjoy young people and being a part of C.A. One of my happiest memories is our first basketball team defeating Byrnes Academy in 1970 and Mitch Watson, who was 3'11", running off the court as the game ended and jumping on me. Such moments make it all worthwhile."



This page:
(1) Dr. Henry C. J. Evans defines his role as a guidance counselor as "someone who tries to guide others into intelligent and productive solutions to their problems through mutual effort and discussion." He continues, "When my successes outbalance my failures, and I know I have really helped someone, I feel that I am doing a good job. My biggest complaint is that young people seem to make the same stupid mistakes I made when I was young."
(2) The constant jangling of the telephone and questioning by youngsters and teachers never seem to ruffle Mrs. Peggy Bates. "It's fun here; I have no complaints," replies the secretary between office duties.
Opposite page:
(1) Mr. Taylor constantly answers telephone inquiries about admittance of new students.
(2) The headmaster enjoys getting out among the student body as often as possible.
(3) On weekends, Mr. Taylor unwinds before an open fire and a good ballgame.

"French," exclaims Mr. Dale Johnson, "is a beautiful language taught to beautiful people by beautiful people."

To his students the language is . . .

"never knowing what kind of class to expect because of Mr. Johnson's many different moods."

Jan Gore

"walking into a room and hearing a thousand words you don't understand."

Louis LaBruce

"saying French poems every Friday."

Tami Springs

"French is . . . I don't know; I still haven't thought of what a junior is!"

Jeff Stuart

"dirty jokes."

Will Avera

"never knowing what Mr. Johnson is saying."

Lawton Benton

Foreign Language Share Laboratory

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(1) Mr. Dale Johnson demonstrates the use of the console through which he communicates to students.
(2) Lessons are conducted almost solely in French with students responding to questions and reading exercises.
(3) Cindy Floyd answers a question directed to her through a headset.

Departments Equipment

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A major addition in laboratory equipment has brought a different approach to learning foreign language. Spanish and French students share in the use of a master console unit and individual study carrels with headsets for direct communication with any pupil or the entire class. The laboratory provides the learner with an opportunity to hear, study, and use the foreign language, with emphasis on listening and responding to a native voice. The use of headsets provides more personalized, intimate practice.

Spanish, in its first year at Coastal Academy, is taught by Mrs. Cheryl Jowers, mainly to eighth and ninth graders and a sprinkling of upper classmen. To the instructor, Spanish means the "Prado," Madrid, guitar music, the flamenco, "paella," and "sangría;" but most of all to those who are hard-working and a little lucky, it is the key to meeting firsthand a warm and exciting group of people."

To those who study the language, it is . . .

"a whole new experience."

Steve Taylor

"all Greek to me."

Bob Sabasteanski

"being able to say something to someone without his knowing what you said."

Cricket McDuffie

"like all other languages — hard."

Carson Benton

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(1) Mrs. Cheryl Jowers teaches Spanish and brings the second modern foreign language into Coastal's curriculum.
(2) Students taking Spanish enjoyed making a piñata in the shape of a snowman and filled with candy for the first grade to break open.
(3) Students enjoy seeing films on customs and points of interest in Spain as a part of the course.

Studying History Is Quick Step Backwards

Mr. John Gore, four-year veteran of Coastal's history department, defines history as "a recording of past and present events."

To students history is . . .

"learning about things that are never going to happen to me."

Jack Prentice

"writing your fastest every day taking notes."

Ann Cromley

"learning to take notes from Mr. Gore's high school notebook."

Cindy Floyd

"learning about primitive people who roamed the earth before we existed — a very exciting subject."

Johnny Walton

"the most interesting, involving, and confusing subject I take."

Kim Williams

"a subject to keep people from making the same mistakes others have."

Bill Hardy

"a quick step backwards in time, life, and people."

Trina Thorne

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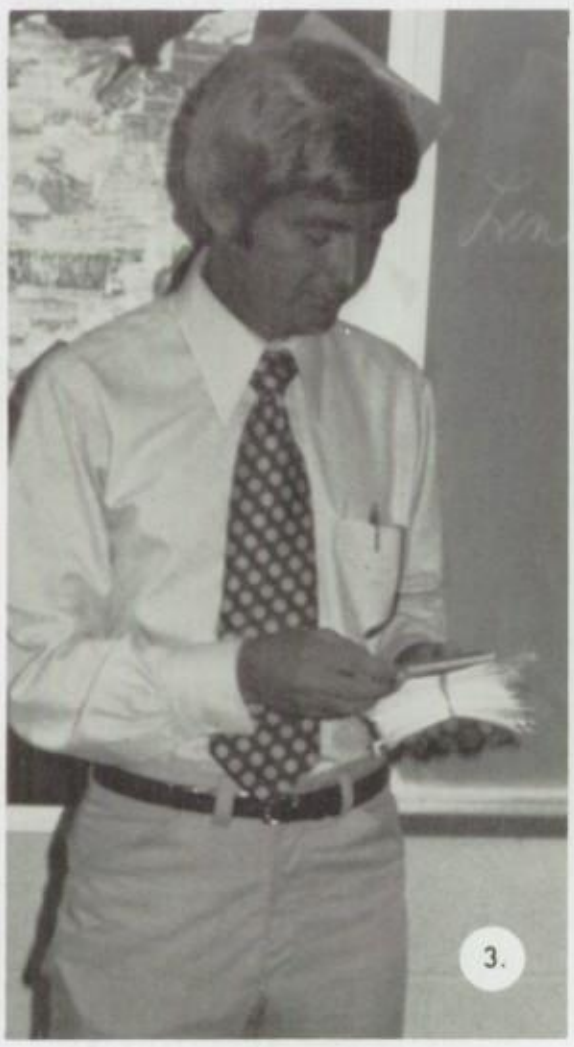
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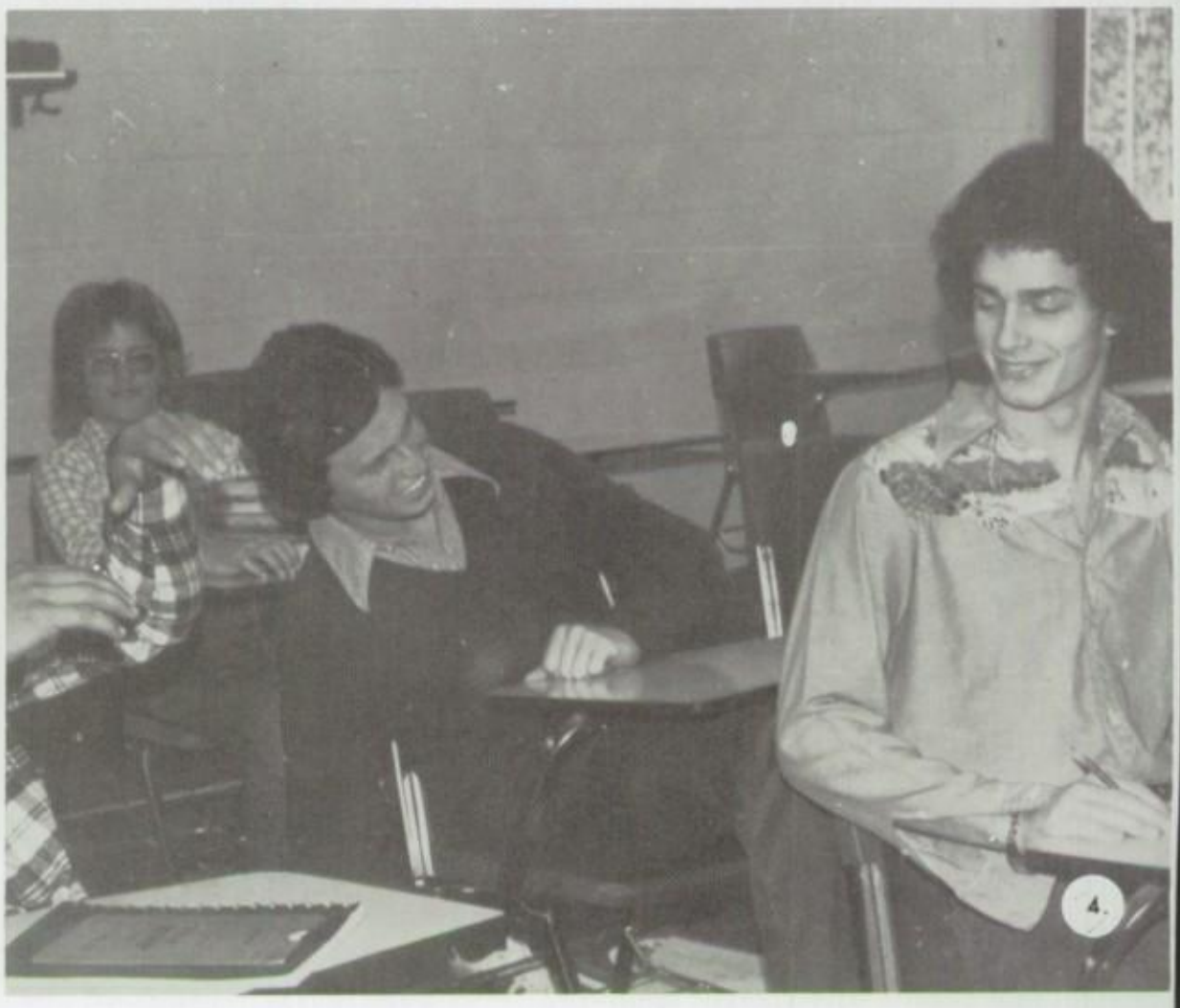
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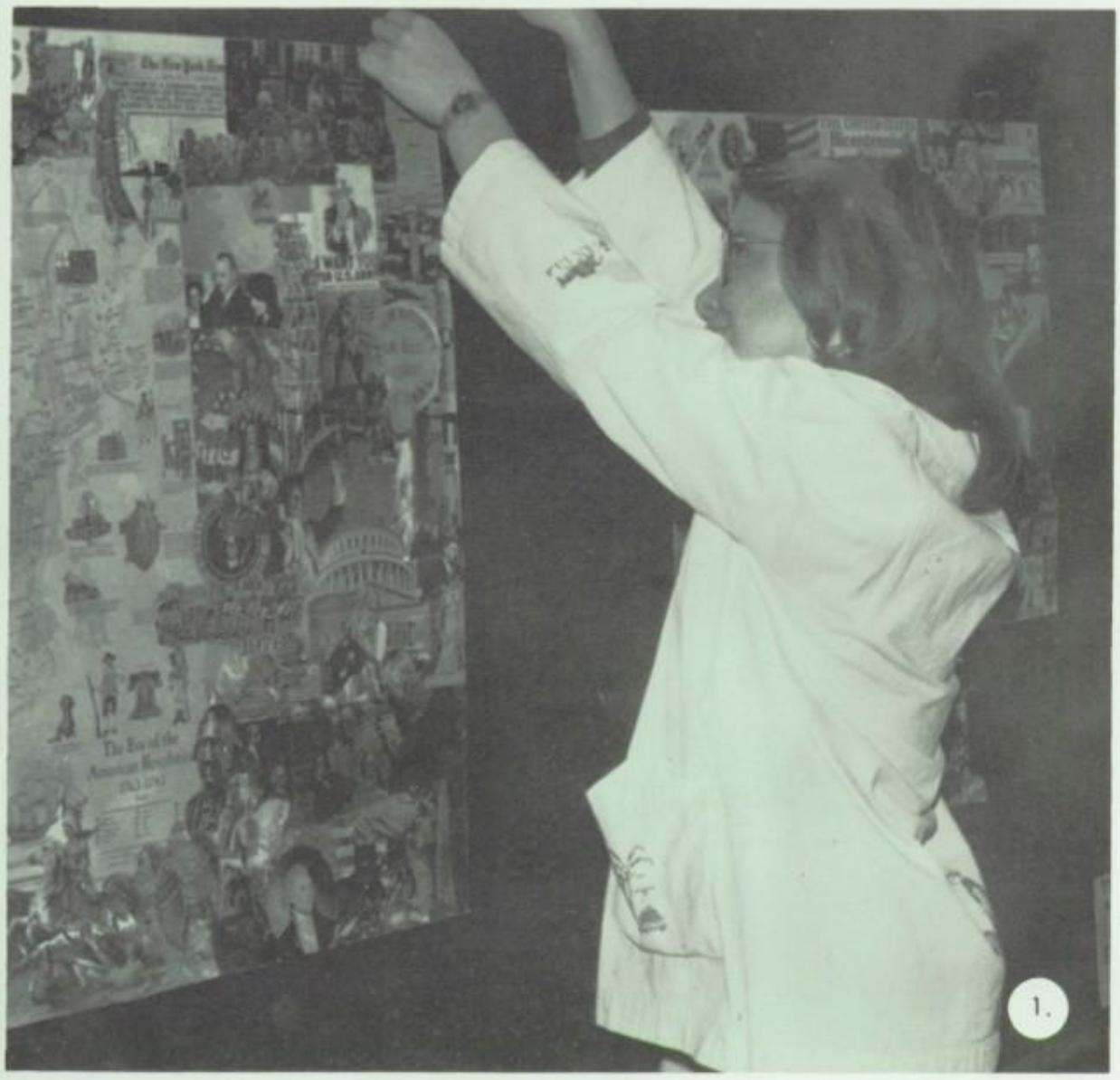

Opposite page:
(1) Locating countries under study in Western Civilizations can be difficult, but Dr. Henry Evans stands by to aid Kim Williams if necessary.
(2) The daily questions, checks or zeroes are a familiar part of history as taught by Mr. Sammie Bowers.
(3) Teaching U.S. History during the bicentennial is rewarding to Mr. John Gore.
(4) Craig Cannon, Harry Cushman and Carl Hamilton take history under Mr. Bowers, who declares, "History is the sweathogs' favorite subject."
This page:
(1) Ann Cromley displays her collage which celebrates the history of the United States from 1776-1976.
(2) Debating the Civil War is an annual event in American history; Bill Cameron makes a point for his team as Alec Ivey moderates.

Math Is a Pile of Numbers

"Math is learning that:
π is not a dessert;
logarithm is not African drum music;
parabolas are not two people who
go bowling;
sin X is not what you take for a cold;
tangent is not a gentleman who
spends his time in the sun;
hexagon is not the removal of a
witch's spell;
polygon is not a lost parrot;
indices is not where mermaids live;
geometry is not what little acorns
say when they grow up."

Mrs. Kay Jones

Math is . . .

"a bunch of proofs, theorems, and eating chocolate bars when the teacher isn't looking."

Elaine Johnson

"Mrs. Jones and Kahoots and Mrs. Jeffcoat and Clemson."

Jack Prentice

"hoping the day will come when we won't have homework."

Jan Gore

"fun and exciting and a challenge to see how many ways I can work it."

Gene Wilkes

"a pile of numbers that always attack me, especially on Mondays."

Tom Cannon

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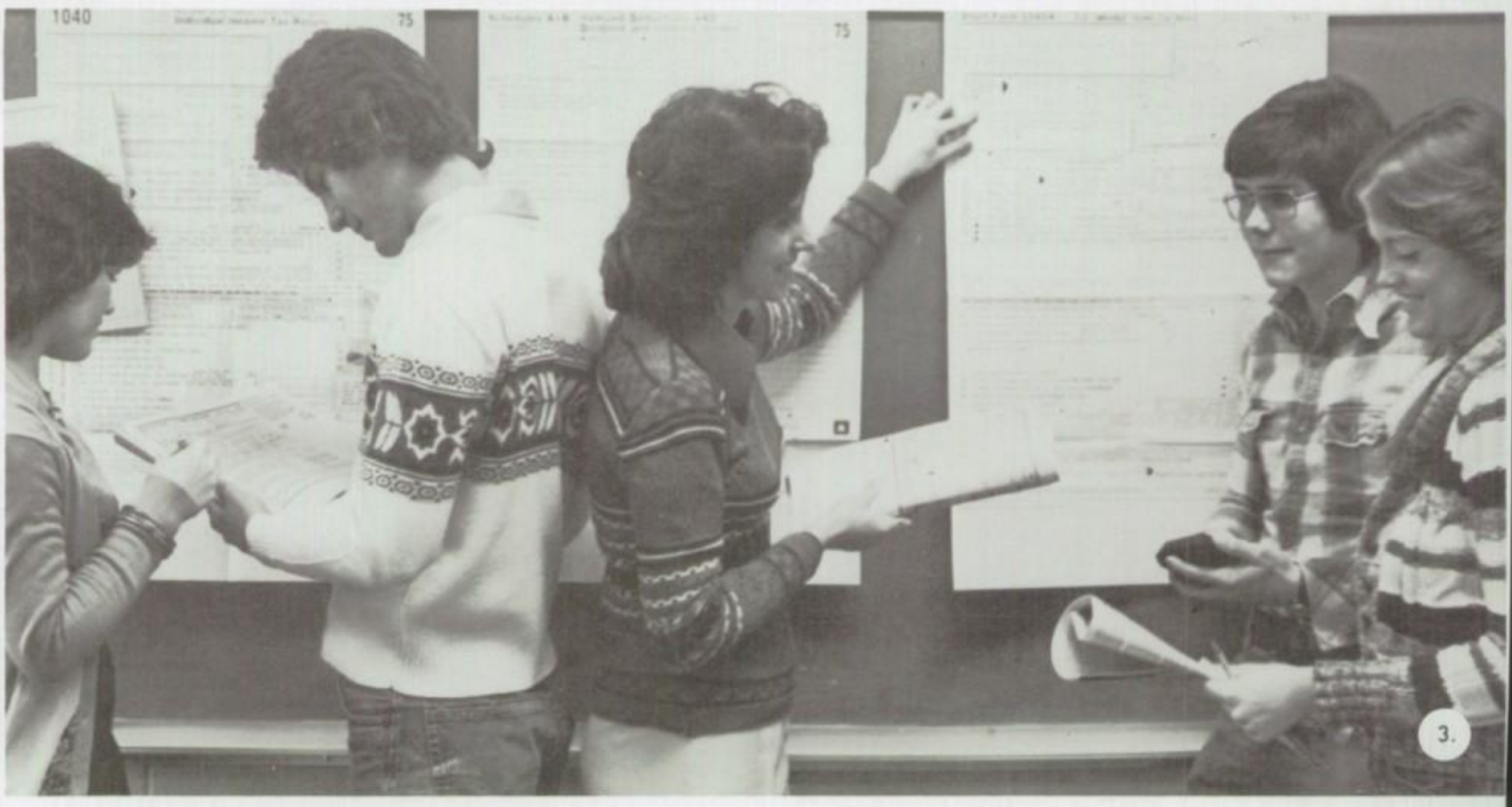

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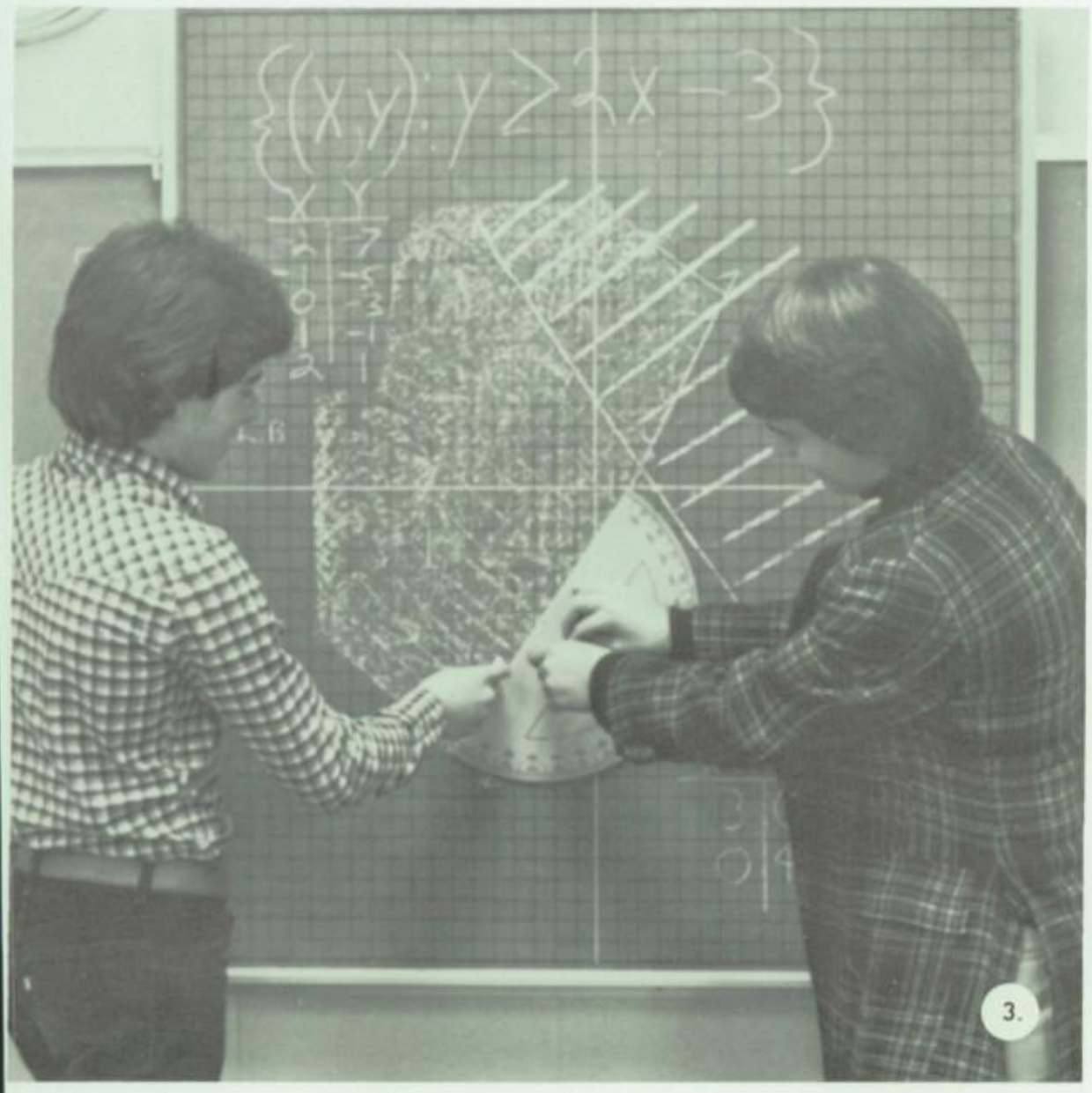


Opposite page:
(1) To Mrs. Kay Jones, math is "learning to manipulate numbers and formulas, theories, and postulates to get answers which amaze."
(2) Ronnie Nuckles and Trina Thorne find a calculator useful in Business Math.
(3) A very valuable learning experience — income tax filing — is taught by Mrs. Jones to Business Math pupils Cindy Brown, Carson Benton, Al Wheless, and Tera Myers.
This page:
(1) Mrs. Lorraine Jeffcoat demonstrates the correct use of a compass to her math students. (2) Somehow it isn't as easy as it looks; Catherine Brake calls for help.
(3) Algebra students Lewis Butler and Louis LaBruce make graphs look artistic and interesting.

Science Is Little Squirmy Stuff

Science department courses range from physical and earth sciences taught by Mrs. Lorraine Jeffcoat at junior high level to oceanology, chemistry, and biology taught by Mrs. Gail Palmer at high school level. Students express in very precise terms their ideas about these varying scientific pursuits:

"Chemistry is your once in a lifetime chance to blow Mrs. Palmer up."

Ken Register

"Oceanology is feeding shrimp to starfish and sea urchins."

Elaine Johnson

"Biology is cutting up worms right after lunch."

Karen Gore

"Science is a bunch of formulas mixed together — one is Mrs. Jeffcoat; another is trying to learn something you can't pronounce."

Scott Brandon

"Biology is a bunch of animals and stinking algae and protozoans."

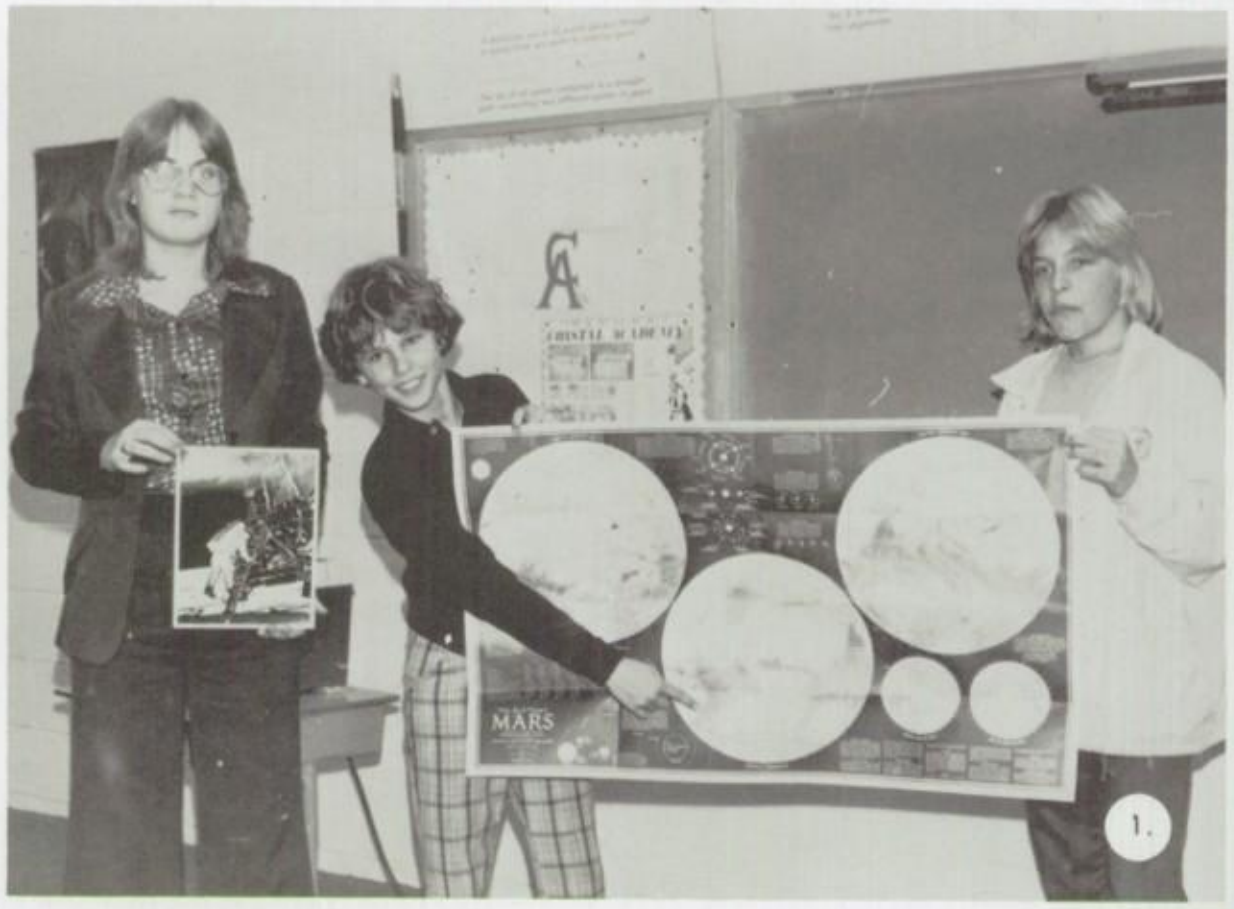
Gale Chestnut

"Oceanology is trying to make waves with Mrs. Palmer."

Cindy Floyd

"Science, especially biology, is lots of little squirmy stuff."

Bob Sabasteanski



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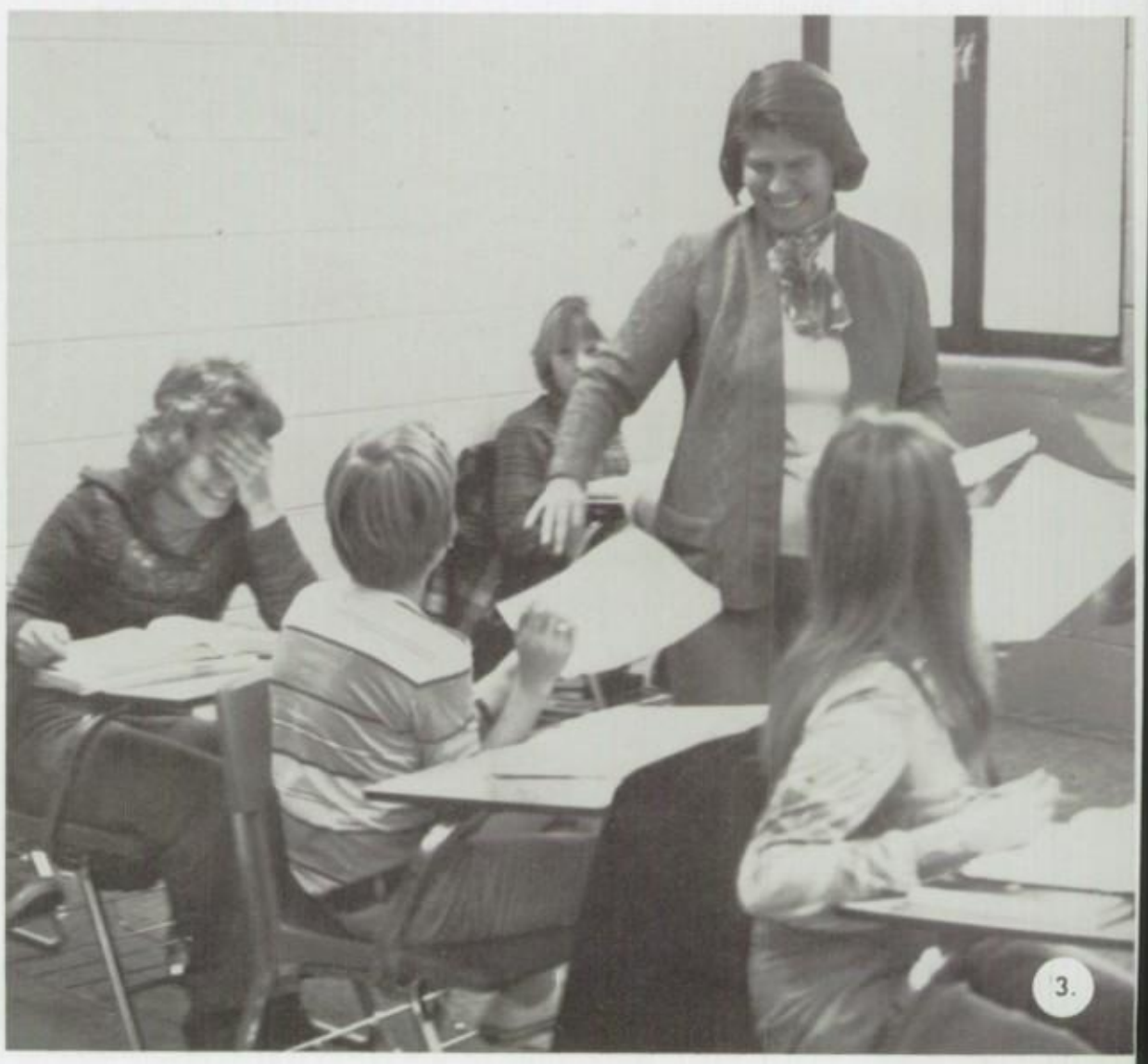
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Opposite page:
(1) The study of earth science includes the other planets in our solar system. Renee Graham, King Martin, and Edwin Martin demonstrate with charts and pictures.
(2) Mrs. Jeffcoat feels that she has learned a great deal about science herself since teaching two junior high courses after many years of instructing only math.
(3) Getting science tests back can be bad news; seventh grader Cara Bishop doesn't like what she saw.
This page:
(1) Mrs. Palmer often stays after school to give special help; Laura Ely listens to an explanation she needs to understand for biology.
(2) Cathy Taylor, Jan Gore, and Kelly Howland set up a chemistry experiment during a lab session.
(3) Mrs. Palmer checks David Witherspoon's homework in her biology course that she calls "the study of life and living things."
(4) Mary Ann Lyerly collects specimens of sea life as classmates supervise.

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English Is Life

Something close to a team-teaching situation is possible in the English department with Mrs. Ann Taylor emphasizing literature and Mr. John Gore preferring composition. When possible, students spend half a year with each instructor. Mrs. Cheryl Jowers provides a solid grammatical foundation in junior high.

What is English to those who must earn four credits in the field?

"English is the course that keeps me off the merit roll."

Alec Ivey

"English is not one of my best subjects, but I like reading even though I've never read much before. What I like most is vocabulary because words amaze me to no end."

Jeff Stuart

"English is a subject that we can't do without because without literature we couldn't seek each other's ideas; and without grammar we couldn't talk or write correctly."

Bill Hardy

"English is life."

Kim Williams

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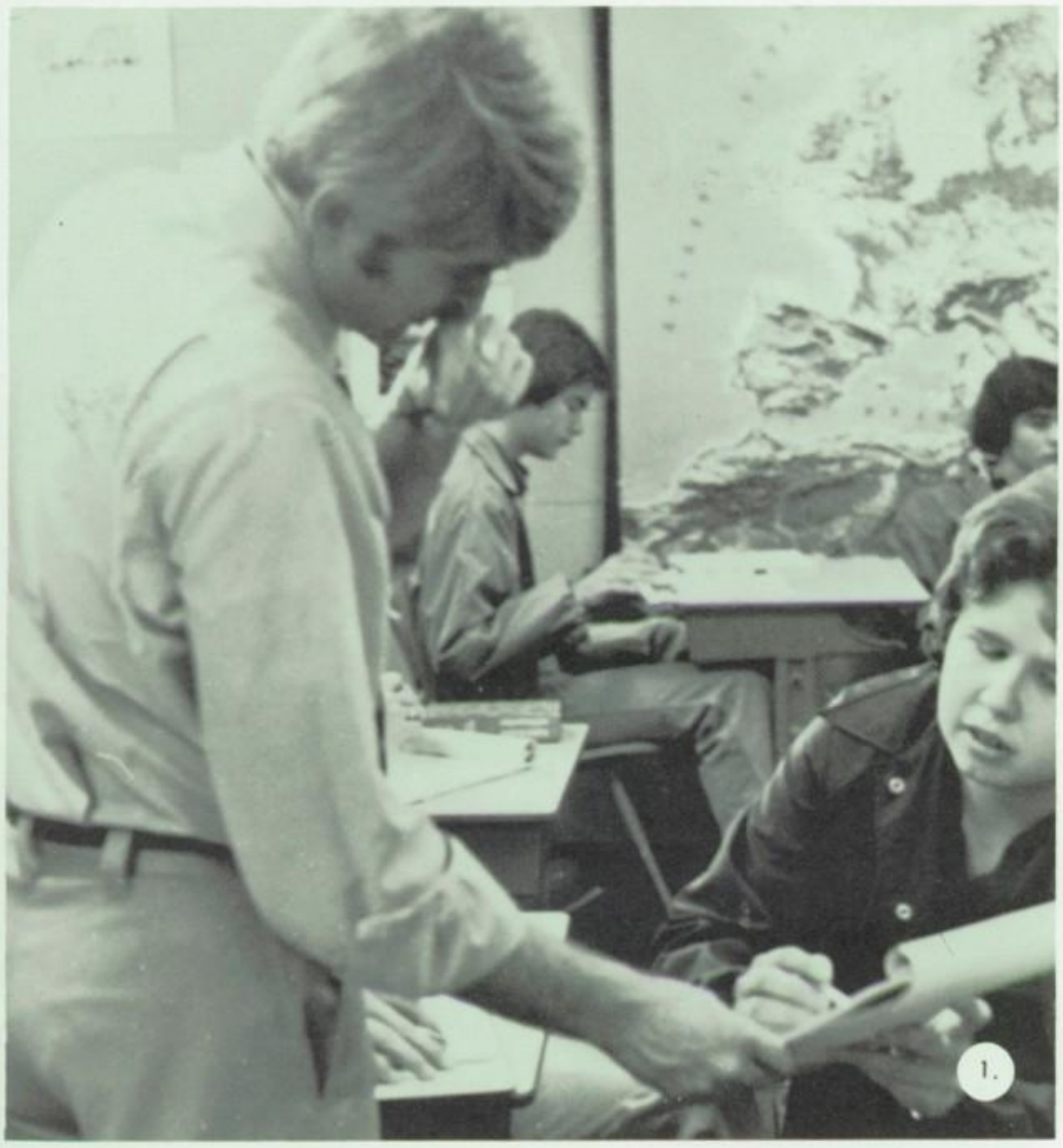


Opposite page:
(1) "English is the most important subject taught in school because it covers so many areas: vocabulary, grammar, literature, research papers, composition, book reviews, etc., etc., etc. It is also a load of papers constantly on my desk that I must wade through," states Mrs. Ann Taylor about the subject she teaches.
(2) Mr. John Gore quips, "English is a headache from listening to students complain."
(3) Mrs. Taylor tries to get her students to learn that rewriting a paper is always a necessary part of composition. Group work on book reviews helps individual expression.
This page:
(1) Junior Ramsey seeks advice from Mr. Gore about wording of a sentence.
(2) Mrs. Cheryl Jowers believes that "English is your best friend if you master it or your biggest obstacle if you don't."
(3) Vocabulary is emphasized by the entire English department from junior high up.

Typists Stay in Tune

"One of the advantages of typing is that it teaches a skill that can be used for a trade at $1.00 a page," explains Mrs. Peggy Bates, who heads up the typing department. With typewriters clacking and radios tuned to the latest songs and news, beginners struggle to learn the keyboard and to build speed and accuracy.

"It's an exciting class. Everyone listens to the radio and I sit there and fight my typewriter and it fights back."

Shari Leach

"Typing can be very frustrating when someone pulls the paper out of the typewriter when I'm typing something important."

Bill Thrailkill

(1) Typing is hard on the fingers, but easy on the ears of Elaine Johnson and Kenneth Hucks.
(2) "Ready, set, go," directs Mrs. Bates before a timed drill.
(3) Bill Thrailkill needs his typewriter checked for proper margins before he begins.

Art Is a Three-Letter Word

A small group of interested students have produced a sizable number of artistic creations in the academy's first art class. Instructor Mr. John Gore feels that the class "has filled a need for self-expression."

What is art?

"a bunch of lines that make up a drawing."

George Gore

"the feeling of expressing yourself in free movement."

Perry Juliano

"a man with a creative mind."

Carson Benton

"a serious subject."

Alan Nuckles

"Art is a three-letter word."

Elizabeth Singleton

(1) After having worked with pen and ink, students had difficulty getting the feel of water color second semester.
(2) Besides working on their own creations, art pupils have helped with stage decorations and scenery for programs; Mr. Gore shows Elizabeth Singleton how to make a bow for Christmas stage settings.
(3) Len Donevant looks in one direction as his paint brush goes in another.

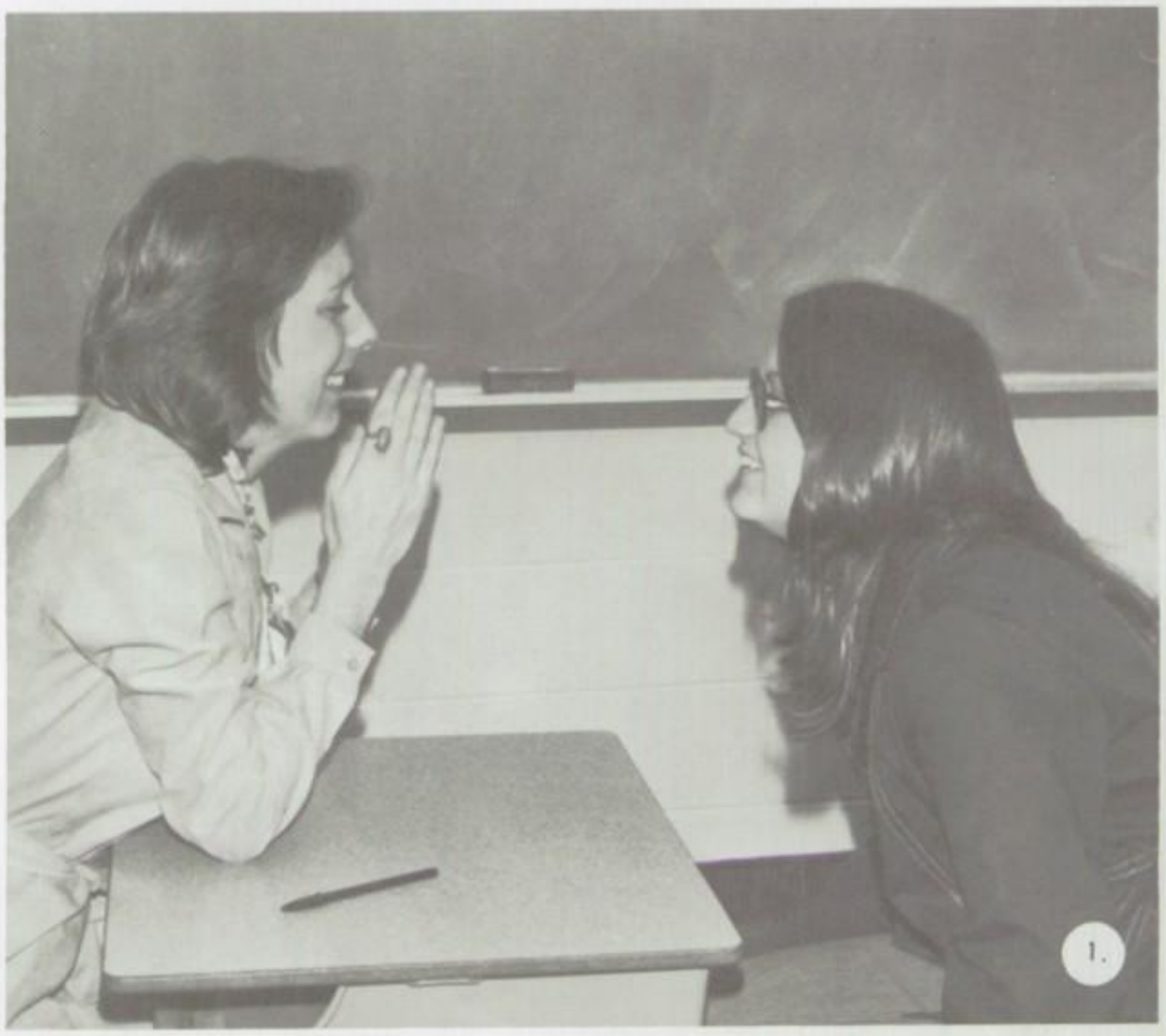
Psychology Is Something Like a Game

Psychology, the study of the human mind and emotions, is an elective taught by Mr. Dale Johnson. A subject that he says "you can't dwell on too long," it is nevertheless very interesting to the small group of juniors and seniors who meet daily at sixth period to learn more about themselves and their classmates through experiments, debates, Rorschach inkblots, and situation role-playing.

Johnny Walton states, "Psychology is one of those periods I look forward to. We have mind-shrinking debates that are a lot of fun."

"It is a group effort to understand human emotions and establish definite feelings about oneself," explains Rene Bellamy.

And Laura Harris proclaims, "Psychology is fun; even the technicalities are something like a game."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(1) "Mother" Laura Stevens pleads with "daughter" Joy McLeod during role-playing session.
(2) Mr. Dale Johnson looks on as Kim Williams assumes the role of an intoxicated teen.
(3) Johnny Walton and Laura Harris react as parents to Kim's situation.

Driving and Dribbling With Mr. Rogers

Besides being head of the athletic department, Mr. Buddy Rogers teaches a course in driver training, which he defines as "a means of improving driver behavior and attitude." However, he quickly adds, "It has nothing to do with the fact that most of my former students have been involved in numerous accidents!"

Lawton Benton quips, "Drivers' ed. is going driving and ending up at Chapin's buying a chicken."

When Mr. Rogers speaks of physical education, he really warms up to his subject: "It is concerned primarily with the art and science of human movement — jumping rope, knee bends, sit-ups, plus a lot of other things like balls, bats, nets, rackets, gloves, a gym, and your basic backboard make it a wonderful, wonderful class."

However, Louis LaBruce comes back with the view, "P.E. is worse than death; you have to live with P.E."

(1) Mr. Buddy Rogers is the "keeper of the gym."
(2) Mike Hobeika takes the wheel for a driving lesson; Gale Chestnut, Al Wheless, and Melissa Dargan prepare to go along in hopes of a stop at some snack shop.
(3) P.E. classes play basketball often; Ron Rolfe guards as Richard Capps attempts to pass to Len Donevant.
(4) Richard gets free to shoot in spite of Rodney Rolfe's defensive move.

Rhythm

the drumming of balls,
the harmony of cheers,
the symphony of crowds,
create sports excitement.

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Cougars Vote for Sophomore

Sandwiched between Christmas vacation and examinations, homecoming climaxed a busy month. Designed to coincide with the annual battle with Hammond Academy, the celebration on Jan. 17 was eagerly anticipated by seniors on the Cougar squad and the girls they sponsored in the contest to select a homecoming queen.

Amid practice, pep rallies, and an out-of-town game the night before, the team managed to vote for and choose Cathy Taylor, who was sponsored by Will Avera, as 1976 Homecoming Queen.

Cathy's selection was announced at half-time of the Hammond-Coastal contest, and she was promptly crowned by 1975 Queen Brenda Richardson before the court was cleared for second half action. Down by only one point during these festivities, the Cougars were unable to overcome their third quarter jinx and went down to the Hawks by a few precious points.

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Opposite page:
(1) 1976 Homecoming Queen Cathy Taylor is crowned by her 1975 predecessor Brenda Richardson.
(2) "I always escort the winners, laughed Lawton Benton as he accompanied Cathy to center court to be crowned."
(3) A proud Daddy Taylor gives daughter Cathy a congratulatory kiss.
This page:
(1) Flowers, crown, and satin sash complete the look of a queen as Cathy poses after homecoming ceremonies.
(2) Despite a three-way loss to Hammond, spirits were not dampened at the dance following the game. Homecoming celebration continued with Cathy's cutting and distributing cake to the senior squad members being honored. Will Avera, Mitch Watson, and Jerry Oates await their share while Johnny Walton licks his fingers free of icing.
(3) Sponsoring senior Will Avera looks on as Cathy prepares to serve cake.

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Tough Schedule Frustrates Cougars

The 1975-76 basketball season was a year of frustration for the Coastal Academy Cougars. Facing the toughest schedule in the school's history, the squad met opponents in exciting and intensely fought contests. The Cougars found themselves pitted against four teams that reached 1975 Class AA State Finals (Pee Dee, Wilson Hall, First Baptist, Hammond), 1975 Class A State Champions (Lawrence Manning), and usual opponents in a rough Region IV. Playing against such large schools, the Cats, with 10 wins and 13 losses, were unable to match last year's 16-7 record, but they were still considered among the toughest independent school teams in the state.

Dropping eight games by less than six points, the Cougars seemed a notch short of pulling off several upsets. Senior Will Avera commented, "We seemed to always be a step away from winning, and then our opponents would pull away."

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(1) The Cougars were handicapped by lack of depth that worsened as the season progressed and the number of players dwindled downward. At midseason the team included Will Avera, Kyle Price, Carlton Hamilton, Mike Hughes, Alec Ivey, Johnny Walton, Jerry Oates, Mitch Watson, Kelly Neal, and Joel Allen. Mr. Buddy Rogers coached the boys through a heavily-stacked schedule.
(2) Will Avera lunges for a rebound in the homecoming game against Hammond.

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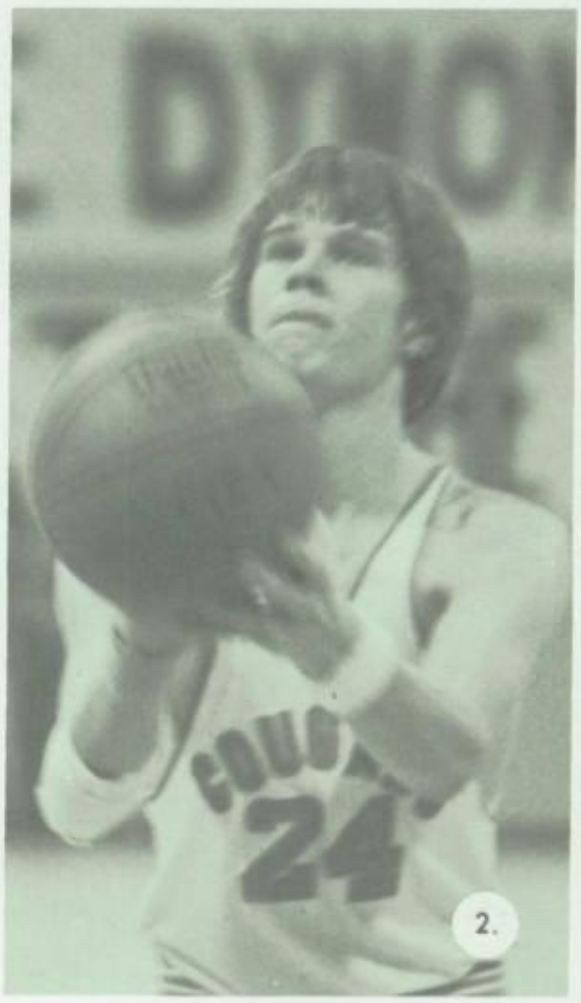

(1) Coach Rogers, keenly interested in the game, instructs his players from the sidelines during a tight contest.
(2) Alec Ivey concentrates on the basket as he prepares to release an important free throw.
(3) Center Kyle Price leaps high in an effort to control an opening tip-off.

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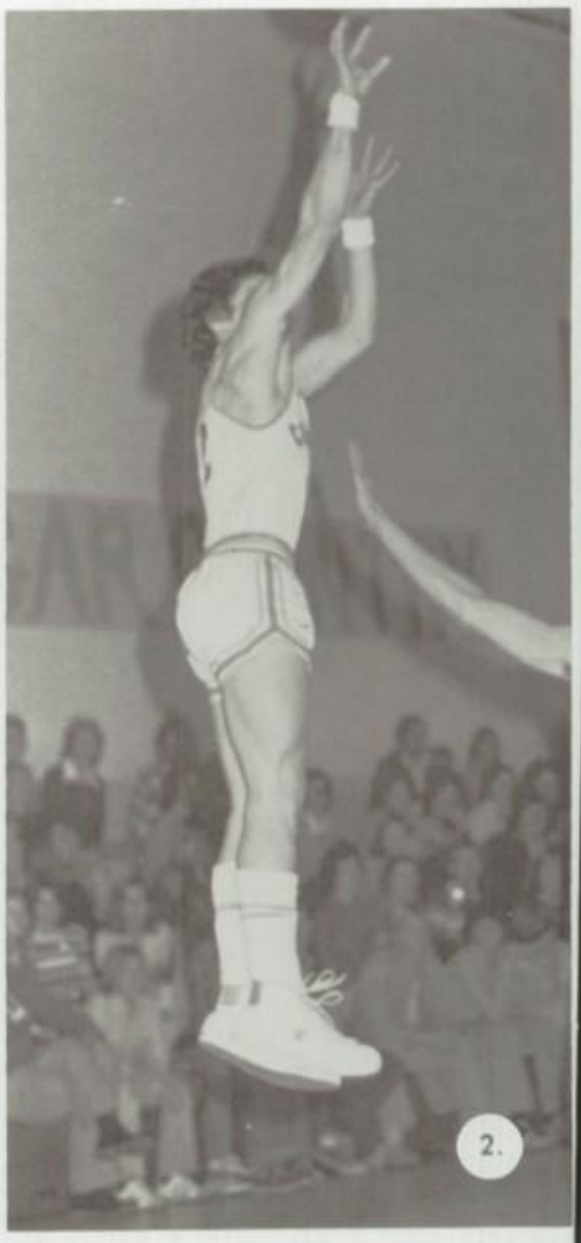

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(1) Forward Alec Ivey reaches for the rafters in order to grab a rebound from the Hurricanes of First Baptist.
(2) Guard Jerry Oates skies for a jump shot.
(3) Introduction of the Cougars before a game builds excitement.
Opposite page:
(1) Senior Mitch Watson battles Hammond's Russel Plowden for control of a loose ball.
(2) Johnny Walton leads the Cats onto the court after breaking through the cheerleaders' banner.
(3) Loyal fans cheered returning Cougars and crowned them with laurel leaves after Coastal's victory over First Baptist in the state play-offs. Will Avera receives his crown and share of the credit for a climactic season's end.

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Frustration Ends As Cougars Reach State Finals

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The Cougars, entering the Region IV tournament with a 4-4 league mark and third place seeding, were not expected to advance far in the post-season playoffs. The Cats had been defeated by both Marlboro and Pee Dee twice during the season and would have to clash with these opponents again in order to reach the state tournament. But a fired-up Coastal five, employing a tough man-to-man defense and deliberate offense, would never say die. After crushing Marlboro 80-67, the Cougars edged arch rivals Pee Dee 52-50, which set up a showdown between the Cats and Eagles to decide the Region IV representative in the state tourney. The Cougars held off a struggling Pee Dee rally to record a third upset that advanced them to the semi-finals in Charleston.

The next obstacle was First Baptist, defending state champs; but the "Cinderella Cougars", playing one of their best games of the year, edged the Hurricanes 75-74 in the last seconds of the game.

Despite the fact that the Cougar's miracle came to an end in the state championship game against a strong Hammond team, fans were proud to walk away with a runners-up trophy to the state champs in AA competition with the thought of the top position next year.

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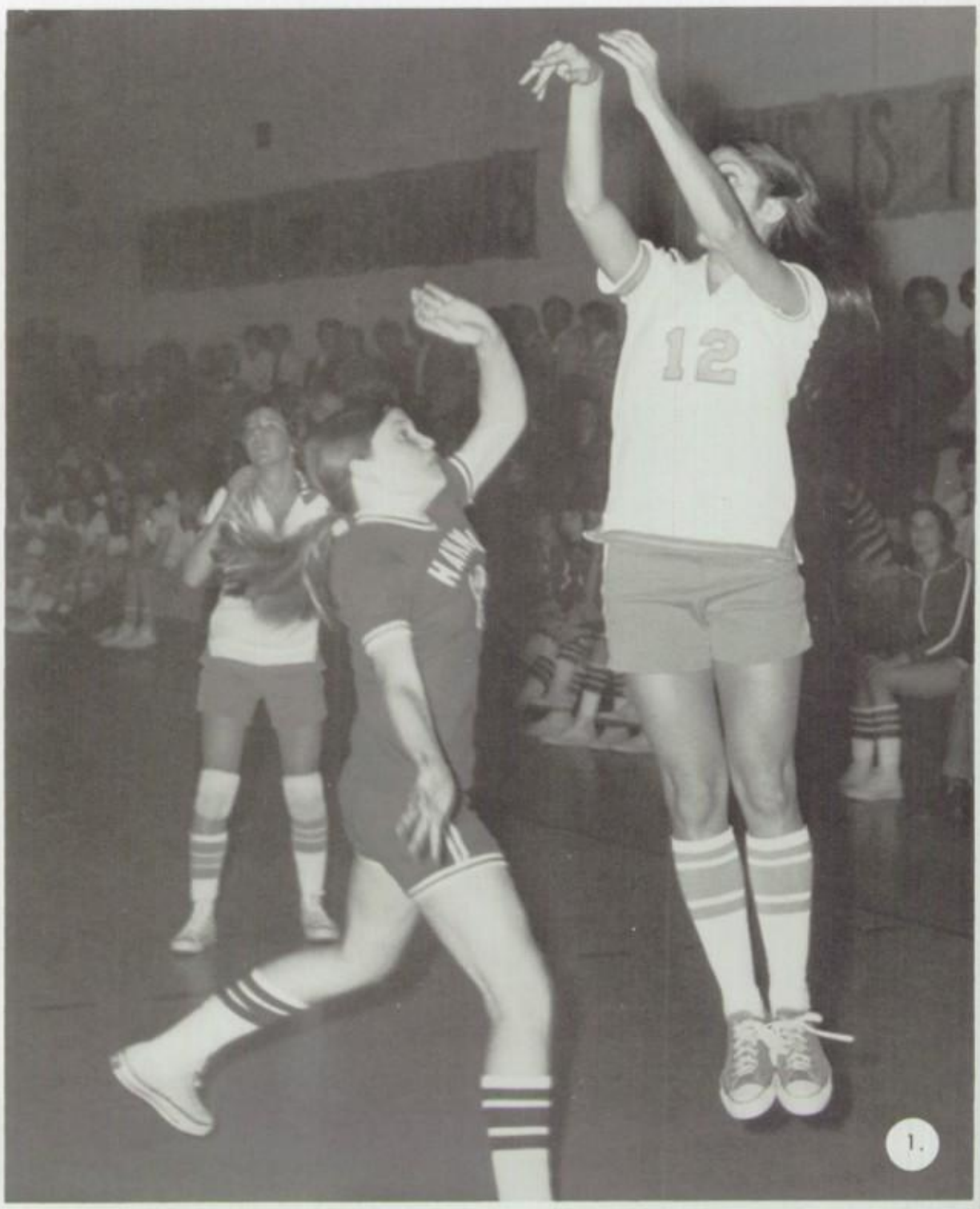
'Ettes Try to Turn It Around

Since most members of the '75-'76 Cougarette basketball team were young, the girls were not expected to improve on their previous season's record, which tallied up only four victories.

However, the girls attacked the season with enthusiasm and from the first game began to mold into a solid unit. By mid-season they had compiled six wins; and even though the second half of the schedule became cluttered with close games and disappointing losses, the overall record showed a creditable eight victories.

Coach Dale Johnson attributed the improved play to the girls' unselfishness. "We got excellent play from everyone, and we played well together as a team."



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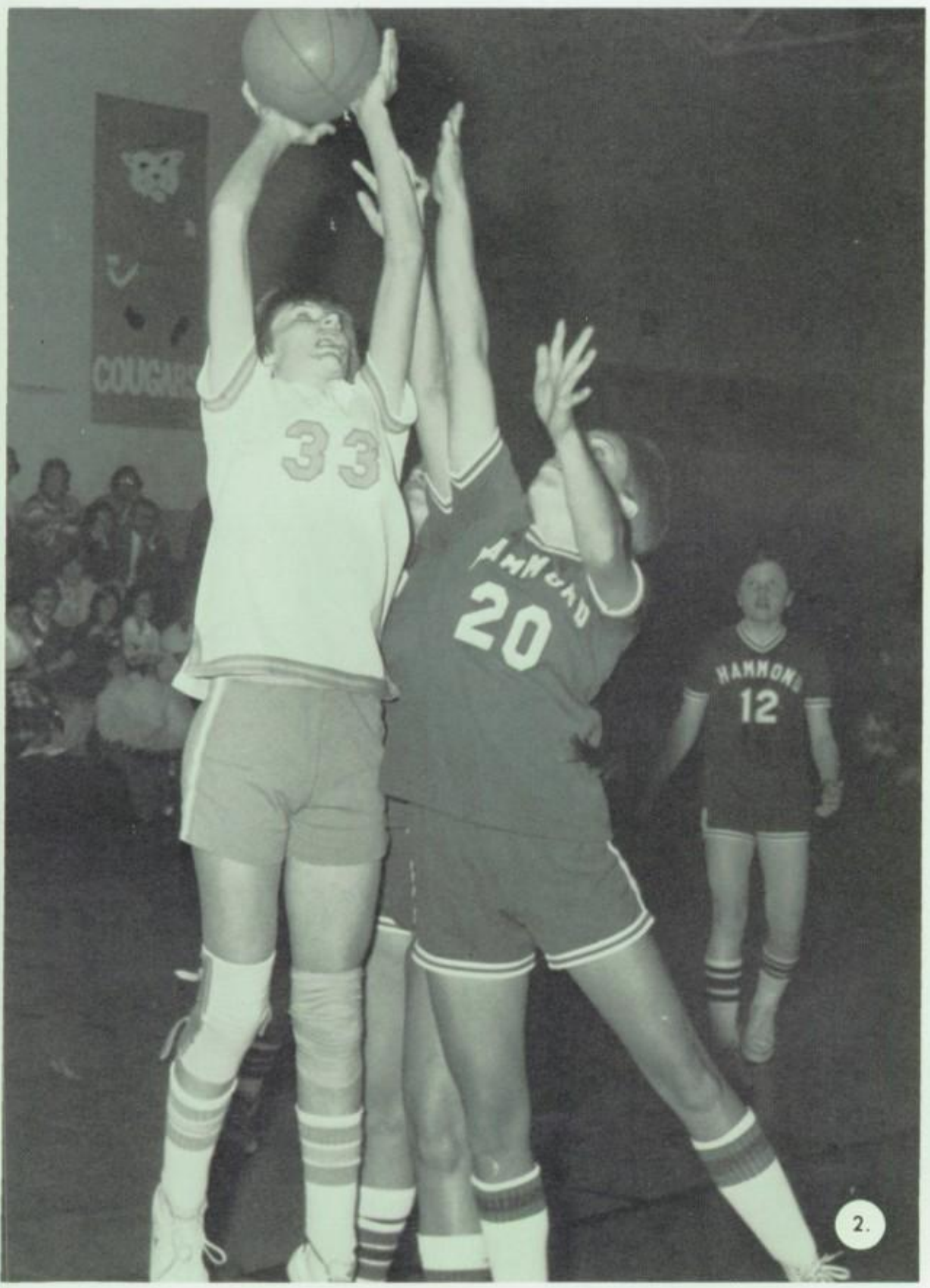
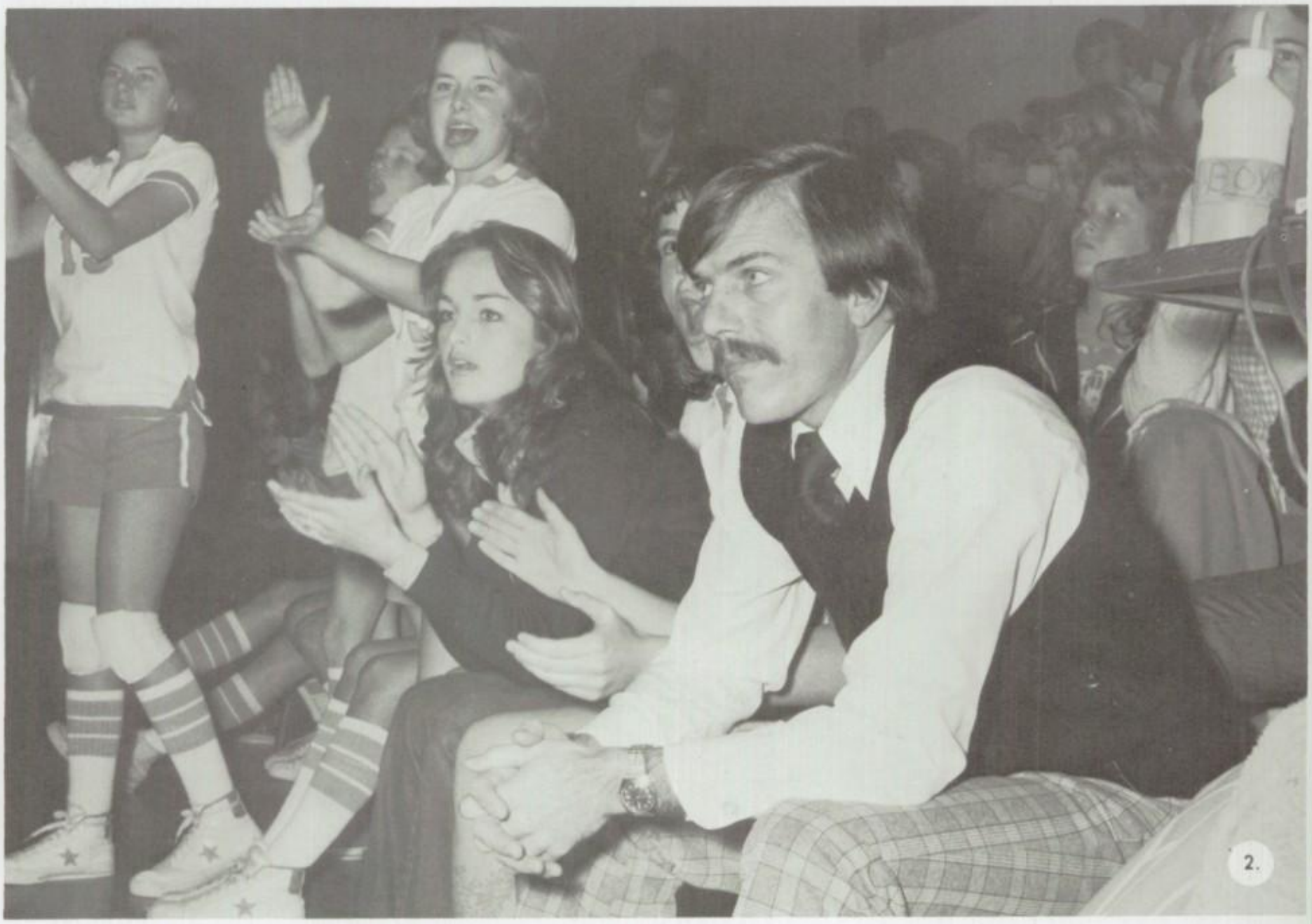
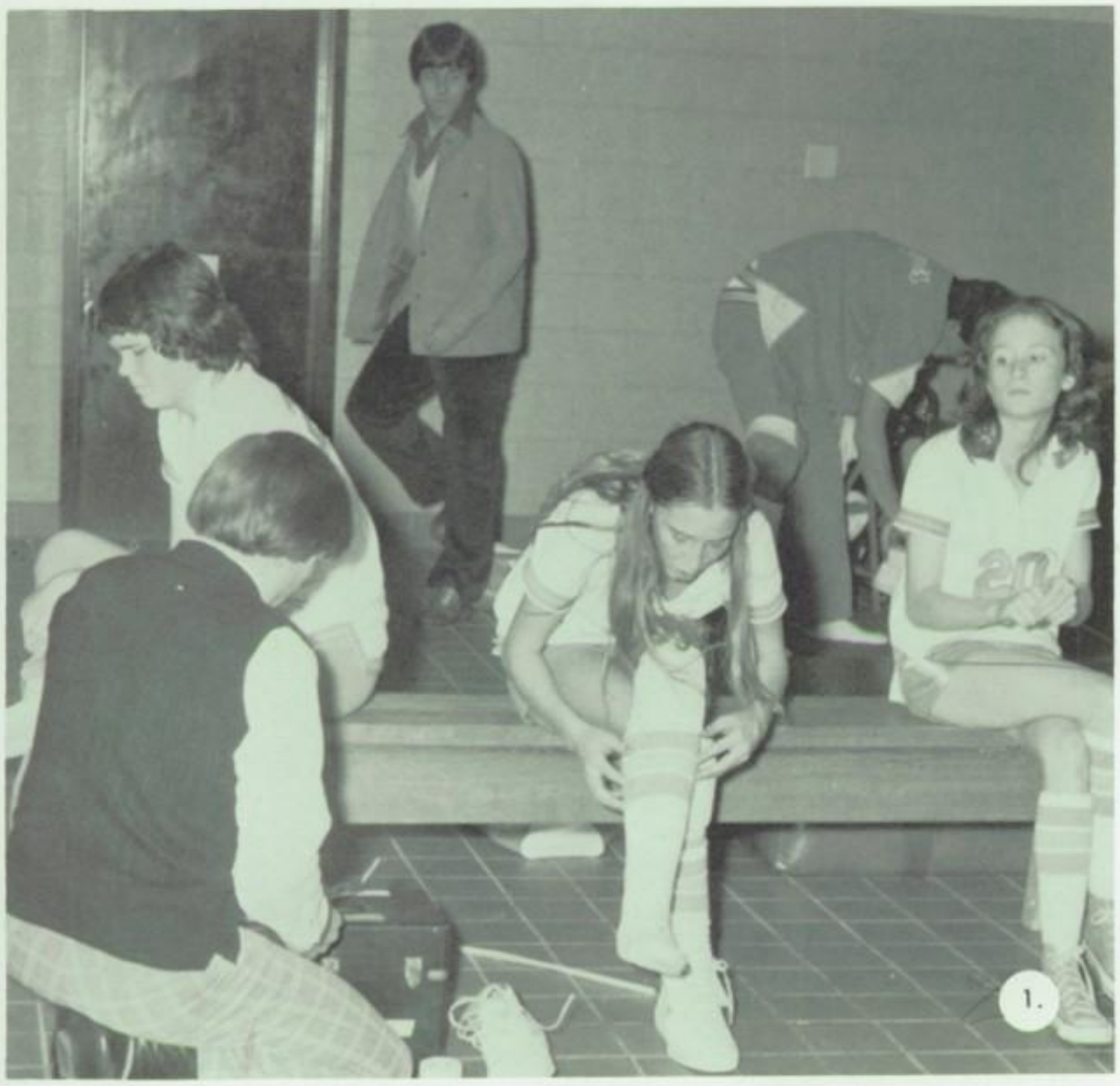


Opposite page:
(1) Brenda Richardson gets off a jump shot against the Hawkettes of Hammond.
(2) Cougarettes celebrate a hard-fought victory.
(3) Manager Julie Holcombe and Shari Leach discuss game strategy during half-time.
This page:
(1) Cougarette team members are for the most part young and building experience for the future. In the line up are Julie Holcombe, manager, Nancy Walker, Kris Howland, Sandra Leach, Kelly Howland, Celeste Riddle, Margaret Martin, Coach Dale Johnson, Shari Leach, Ann Cromley, Deena Talbot, Dana Chandler, and Brenda Richardson.
(2) Sandra Leach outreaches foes for a lay-up.
(3) Playmaker Brenda Richardson tries to find an opening in the traffic.

This page:
(1) Leach stretches for a rebound against opponents from First Baptist.
(2) The girls' bench explodes into applause over another bucket, but Coach Johnson realizes the game has a long way to go.
Opposite page:
(1) Half-time break in the action gives Coach Johnson and players Celeste Riddle, Margaret Martin, and Dana Chandler a chance to relax from the tension of the game.
(2) Beverly Brandon finds herself entrapped by Hammond opponents.





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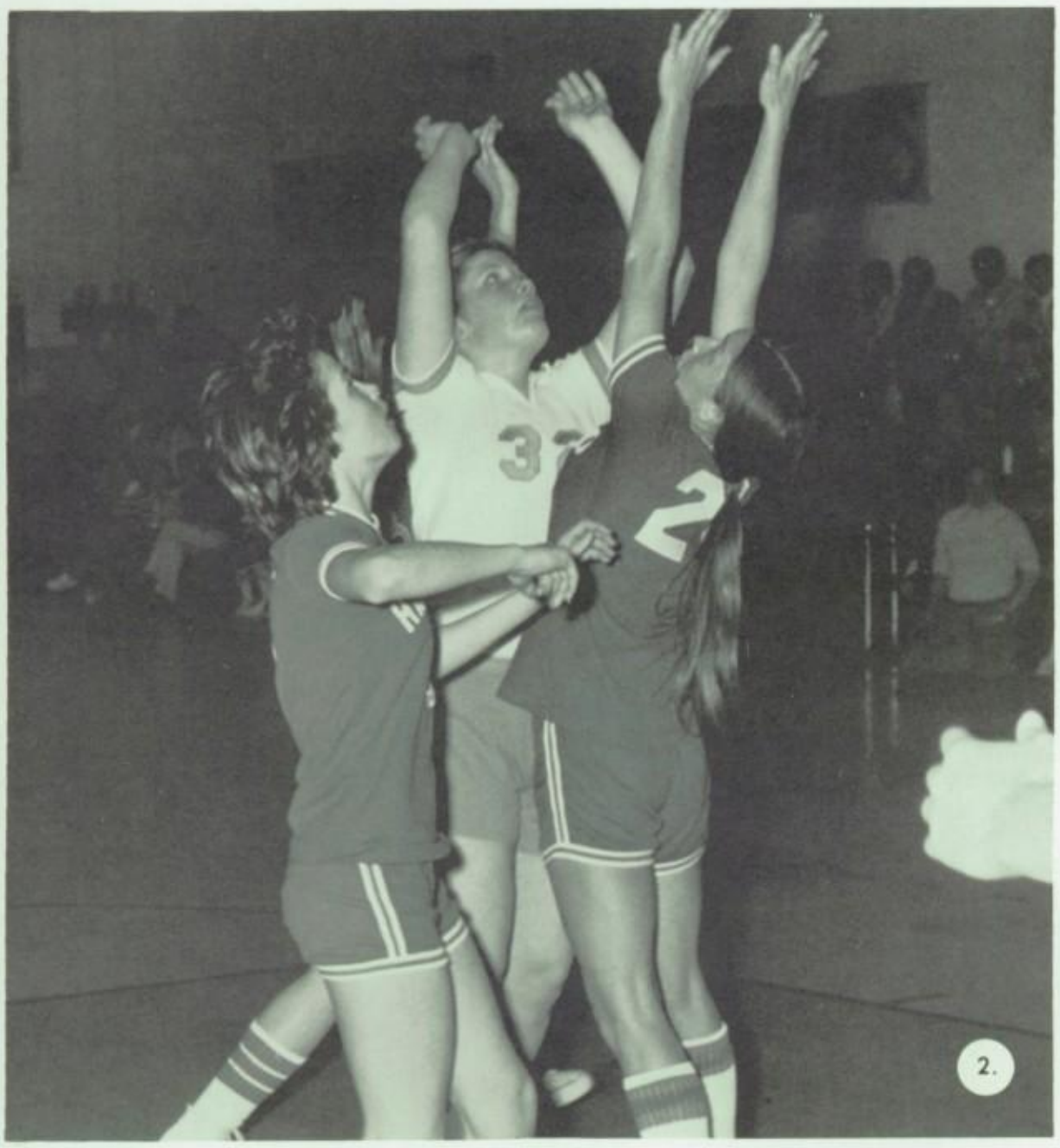

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Gals' Spunk Increases Headway

With no high-scoring veteran returning, the Cougarettes mainly depended upon strong defense and rebounding ability and patient offense. Guard Brenda Richardson and center Beverly Brandon — only seniors on the squad — supplied leadership. Margaret Martin, a tenth grader, was the leading scorer and was a stalwart under the boards. Sophomore Deena Talbot, a scrappy defensive-minded guard, and Sandra Leach, the lone freshman, who profited from on-court experience and came on strong late in the season, wound up the starting roster.

Spirit and morale refused to die among the gals, despite a chronic lack of fan support. Many of the matches were exciting, fast-paced affairs for the loyal spectators. Margaret Martin stated, "Once we realized we could win, all we set our minds upon was another victory."

Even though the season was not totally victorious, it can be termed successful. The lasses showed a great deal of determination and spunk. These factors, plus a great love for the game and respect for their coach, can only help create an extremely bright future for the girls.

Cheerleaders Swing Into Action

With smiles, cheers, and chocolate chip cookies the varsity cheerleaders traveled from game to game to boost the confidence of Coastal's basketball players. These advocates of spirit did much to encourage students and revive morale. Cougar mascot Mary Ann Lyerly provided a new spark of spirit and fun to the squad of nine pepsters.

Besides applauding during victories and consoling after defeats, the girls also became teachers and sponsors to youngsters in grades 4-6 who wanted to cheer for mite league teams.

To irritate their rivals, the squad made signs such as "Defeather the Skyhawks" and "Once is not enough" which they displayed with color and zest around the gym.

Without the cheerleaders to boost lagging spirits and maintain vitality, sports-related activities would be sadly lacking in enthusiasm.

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Opposite page:
(1) Senior Becky Long served as head cheerleader of the 1976 squad.
(2) In Cougar Country are Nancy Avera, Paige Price, Cathy Taylor, Trina Thorne, Capt. Becky Long, Tami Springs, Melissa Dargan, Tera Myers, and Stacy Capps.
This page:
(1) Prowling around the gym as a cougar, Mary Ann Lyerly arouses interest in games.
(2) Stacy Capps chants to the Cougars during game action.
(3) "Blue and white; go, you mighty Cougars!" yells the squad as teams warm up.
(4) Concerned with the turn of action, Tera Myers and Cathy Taylor view game conflict.

Happiness Is Being King and Queen of Hearts

The romance of Valentine's Day is celebrated annually at Coastal with a contest to pick a King and Queen of Hearts. Couples become contestants when a varsity team member sponsors a girl and thereby enters the event.

This year a giant heart was outlined on the gym floor at half-time of the Feb. 10 game with Southview, and couples positioned themselves in this design to learn that the student body of the upper school had selected Carlton Hamilton and Shari Leach 1976 King and Queen of Hearts.

Emotion ran high as Mr. Taylor stepped to center court to crown Shari and honor Carl. Tears of happiness shone in the new queen's eyes and Carl beamed in appreciation.

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Opposite page:
(1) Mr. Taylor always gladly crowns queens because he gets the first kiss.
(2) Shari's friends offer congratulations.
(3) Nine couples vied for the titles of King and Queen of Hearts.
This page:
(1) Carlton joins Shari to share the glory of the hectic halftime moments.
(2) The happy smile of a winner lights Shari's face.
(3) Melissa Dargan feeds escort John Thorne a taste of Valentine cookie which was given to all contestants by Mrs. Taylor to wish them good luck.
(4) Carl saw game action and made the scoring box besides being King of Hearts.

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J.V. Boys Gain Valuable Experience

With the loss of two leading scorers from last year's squad because of moving up to varsity play, the J.V. Cougars were dependent upon an inexperienced group of cagers. Even though eight tenth graders were on the squad, only one had ever been a starter.

Coach Carroll Taylor stated, "Our sophomores have need of more experience, especially since we play against the bigger AA schools such as Hammond, Wilson Hall, and Wade Hampton."

After having tackled such a tough schedule, the young Cougars should have gained valuable playing time. Many should be able to move up and play an important role in varsity competition next season.

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Opposite page:
(1) Lewis Butler and Scott Miles await rebound against Hammond.
(2) Making up the 1976 junior varsity were Louis LaBruce, Lewis Butler, Scott Miles, Lawton Benton, David Jeffcoat, Ronnie Nuckles, Gene Wilkes, Duffie Stone (manager), Bill Thrailkill, Chip Martin, Steve Taylor, George Gore, Allan Nuckles, Tommy Hamilton, and Edward Thorne.
This page:
(1) As Coach Taylor and the Cougar bench remain caught up in court action, Lawton Benton and Tommy Hamilton check the scoreboard.
(2) The ball goes out of control as Edward Thorne breaks into Hammond's defense, but David Jeffcoat stands ready to retrieve it.
(3) Ronnie Nuckles waits to see if his shot strips the net.

Successful Program Begins With Junior High

The junior high teams have become an essential part of Coastal Academy's basketball program in the two years of their existence. Begun in 1975 by Coach Buddy Rogers, the league has grown to include a girls' squad coached by Mr. Sammie Bowers. Mr. John Rhodes has taken over coaching of the boys.

The boys have had a surprisingly good season, dropping only two games; and the girls have progressed well since learning some basic fundamentals.

The program assures Coach Rogers of a constant stream of upcoming fresh, new talent.

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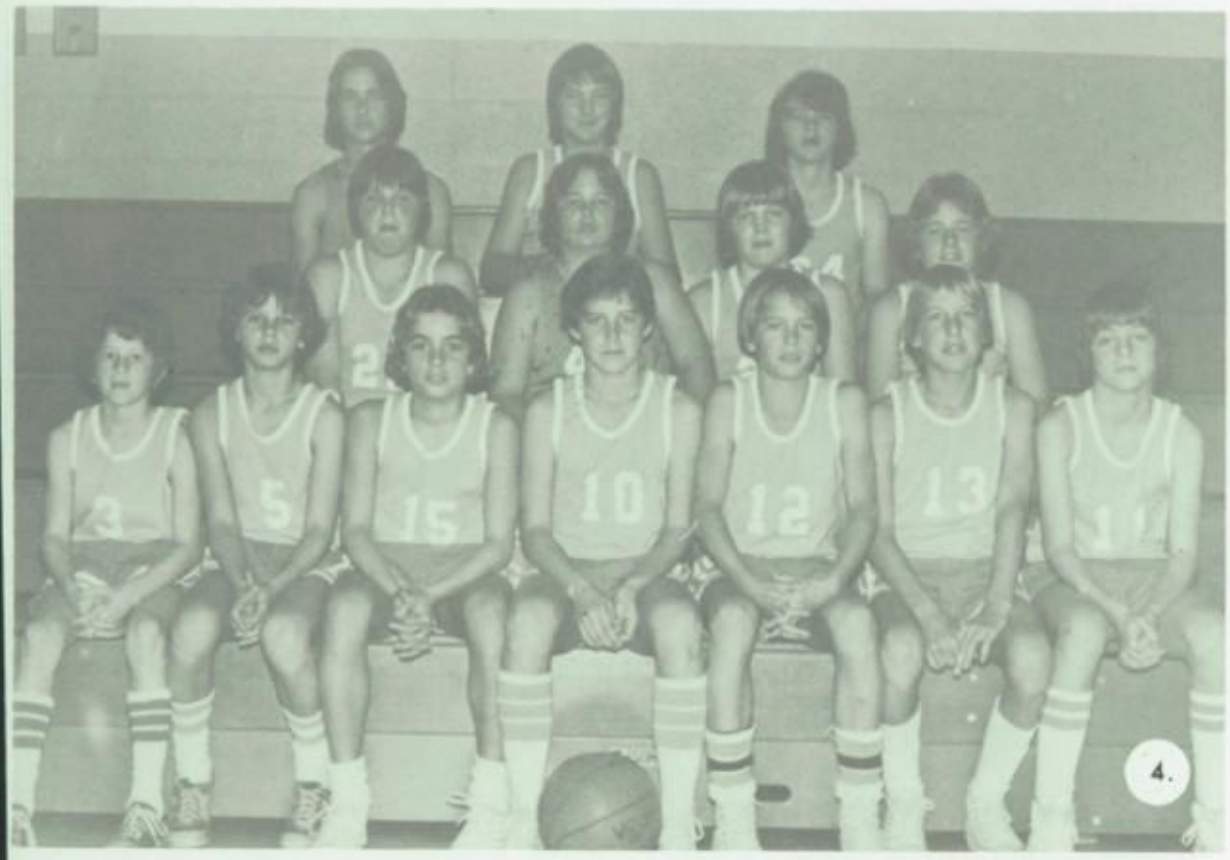
(1) The junior high girls' team consists of Dana Chandler, Cissy Berry, Nancy Walker, Karen Humphries, Beth Cooper, Elizabeth Singleton, Cara Bishop, Lou Springs, and Sissy Nuckles.
(2) Sissy Nuckles goes to the free throw line.
(3) Nancy Walker stands ready to receive a pass from Elizabeth Singleton.



(1) Junior high coaches Buddy Rogers, Sammie Bowers, and John Rhodes discuss schedule and strategy.
(2) Guard Allan Nuckles sets up the Baby Cougars' offense.
(3) Steve Taylor, whose ball-handling ability has been an asset to the team, fires a jump shot against Pee Dee.
(4) Members of a large junior high team are (back) Keith Nixon, Ashley McLamb, Michael Stephens, (center) Scott Brandon, Roper Wilkes, Thomas Wallace, Len Donevant, (front) John Gore, King Martin, Gene Butler, Steve Taylor, Allan Nuckles, George Gore, and Ricky Bowers.

J.V. Cheerleaders Raise the Rafters

Junior varsity cheerleaders began preparation for basketball season during the summer when they traveled to camp where they toiled and sweated to learn new cheers, chants, and formations that would dazzle Coastal's teams and fans.

Early fall brought decisions, orders, and fittings to round up the total cheering outfit for each girl from shoes to emblems. By the time the first game was played, they were prepared to don colorful new uniforms and provide support for the J.V. team.

This support is much needed since the early evening playing-time often fails to attract crowds of much size. Having someone else that cares if they win or not is comforting to any ball club. So the J.V. cheerleaders yell, chant, clap, and stomp in their determination to provide spirit.

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Opposite page:
(1) Captain Kim Blanton has led her squad through a bustling season.
(2' "Gimme' a C!" screams Karla Talbot, who knows Cougar fans love spelling out the name.
(3) Concern for the plight of the jayvees reflects in the faces of Elizabeth Singleton, Sherry Vereen, and Deborah Holcombe.
This page:
(1) Lois Martin, Kim Blanton, and Sherry Vereen keep chants going from the sidelines.
(2) Rachael Small is completely engrossed in the commotion of the contest.
(3) The girls proudly display the blue ribbon awarded them at camp. Melanie Sweatt was replaced by Rachael Small when Melanie did not return to Coastal.
(4) J.V. cheerleaders are Kim Blanton (captain), Lois Martin, Karla Talbot, Elizabeth Singleton, Sherry Vereen, Cricket McDuffie, Catherine Brake, Deborah Holcombe, Rachael Small, and Lin Rowe.

Tennis Is For Love-ers

Tennis is a game in which love means zero, workers become winners and champs, and friends become rivals. It is a game for those with lust and spirit and drive. Without constant practice, the player rusts, and falters; when he falters, his chance at victory is lost.

Laura Stevens, lone senior on the girls' team explains, "Tennis is a sport that you must really stick with and practice regularly in order to improve your game."

Ken Register, who feels that tennis is one of America's most exciting sports, says, "It takes a great deal of practice to be as good as you want to be."

According to Robin Williamson, "a person must have energy and determination to be a tennis player."

Love means zero in tennis, but it is also a necessary emotion that a player must have for the game.

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Left sequence:
(1) Laura Stevens prepares to serve the ball.
(2) Her swing at the ball begins.
(3) Serve almost completed, the ball begins its move toward the net.

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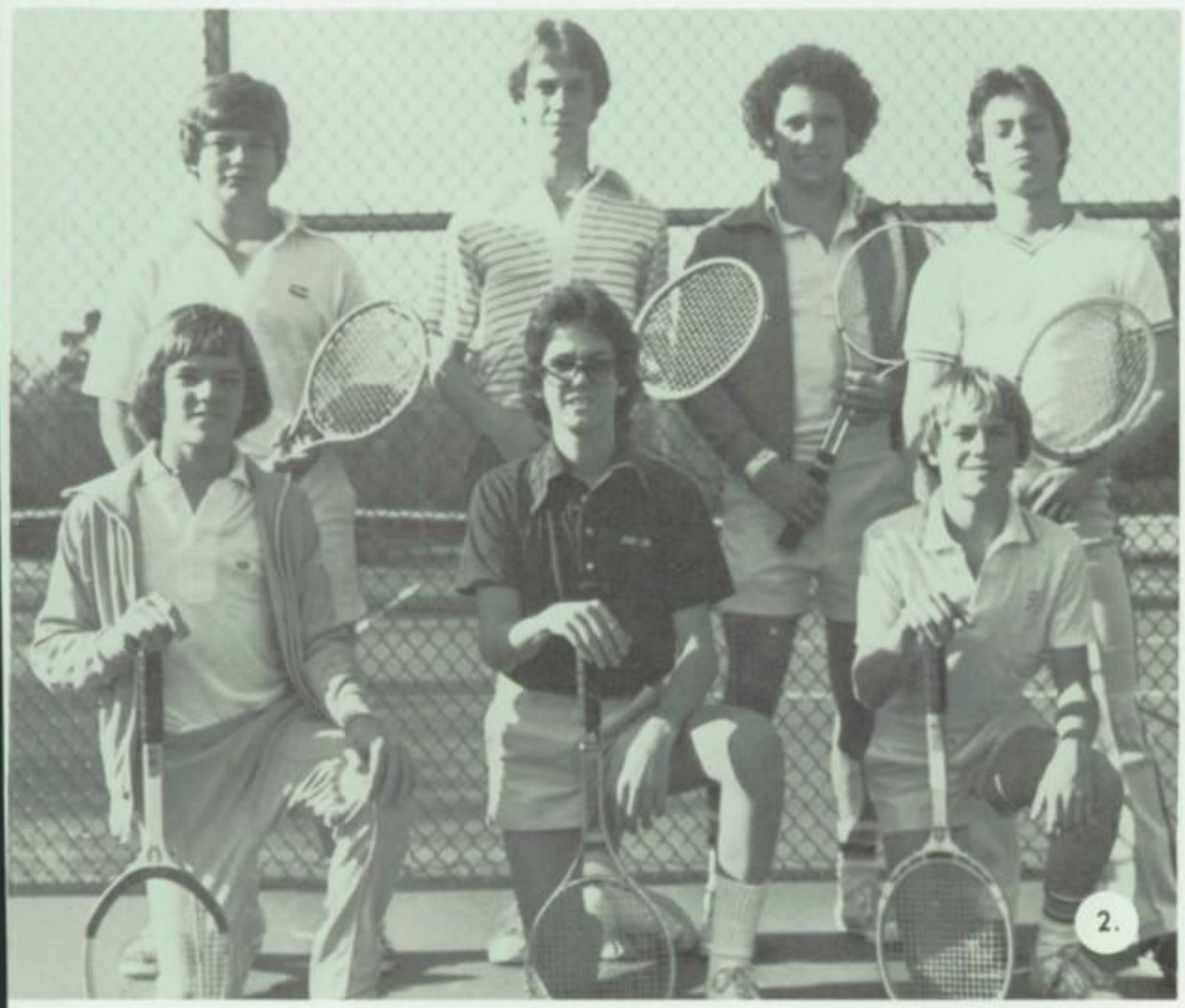

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Sequence above:
(1) Kelly Neal readies for a back-hand smash.
(2) He smacks the ball across the court.
(3) As he follows through, he keeps his eye on the path of the ball.
Opposite page:
(1) Ken Register, Ronnie Nuckles and Gene Wilkes play a quick practice round.
(2) Ronnie Nuckles crashes the net with body contortions and grimace.
(3) The girls' team looked forward to spring matches. Participants included Laura Ely, Celeste Riddle, Kelly Howland, Laura Stevens, Robin Williamson, Melissa Dargan, Sissy Nuckles, and Deena Talbot.
This page:
(1) Players take a break and watch for clues to improve their own games.
(2) New faces on the boys' team brought hope of improved match records. Candidates included Gene Wilkes, Kelly Neal, Ronnie Nuckles, Tommy Hamilton, Perry Juliano, Ken Register, and Alan Nuckles.

Golf Is a Game of Inches

One little white ball and a golf course that stretches out, not always in invitation, but in challenge: only those who play it and love it really understand golf. It is a game of inches where an individual's honesty is all-important since there are no referees or officials. Golf stresses self-reliance.

Potentially, Coastal has an excellent team. Newcomer Johnny Walton adds depth to the talent of Jerry Oates and Louis LaBruce, both capable of breaking par.

Jerry says, "We are one of the top five teams in the state, but the competition will be keen. I'm anxious to start; I anticipate the tournament in Hilton Head."

Alec Ivey states, "We have a great deal of potential. With four returning lettermen, we should boost our record to a very respectable mark."

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Opposite page:
(1) Lined up at the tee are team members Louis LaBruce, Scott Miles, Alec Ivey, Jerry Oates, Johnny Walton, and Edwin Martin.

(2) Jerry Oates completes a beautiful drive straight down the fairway.
(3) Scott Miles finds that a sand trap yields a ball grudgingly.

Sequence below:
(1) Alec Ivey begins his swing.
(2) Downswing begun, he still watches the ball.
(3) Alec's follow through shows good form.

This page:
(1) Louis LaBruce knows it's all in how you putt it.
(2) Jerry Oates, Johnny Walton, and Edwin Martin browse among golf equipment in the pro shop after a round of golf.

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pure and simple of heart,
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Lower School Students

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Spend Action-Packed Days

Even though lower school boys and girls are perpetually busy with their many school activities, their lives are not yet cluttered with any major problems or worries. Usually their tears of anger or frustration quickly dry and turn into ear-to-ear grins once more.

Although clubs, parties, church, and family enter meaningfully into their lives away from school, it is the academy that involves a majority of the youngsters' actions and thoughts. Study, recess, projects, sports, and people round out the days of Coastal Academy's youth.

Opposite page:
(1) Sharing lunch with the seagulls is attractive to the boys and birds.
(2) Lunch is tasty to Terri McGee after a full morning of work.
(3) A cheerleader's pom-pom tossed into the air shows Eddie Ravenel's response to a basket.
(4) Clark Green seems puzzled by the antics of Kathryn Burr and Ricky Rowe.

This page:
(1) Mite league games are a favorite of all; Scott Miles calls a time-out to coach his players.
(2) Albert Springs puts a match to his rocket.
(3) Students happily stuff money into their favorite teacher's box.

School Means Books, Friends, Experiences

This page:
(1) Fourth graders Jan Dusenbury, Courtney Hendrix, Andee Vereen, and Susan Langston take part in a special social studies report.
(2) First graders are fascinated by the sea creatures in Mrs. Palmer's aquarium.
(3) The day begins, and Allison Rogers enters with a neat stack of books and her lunch.
(4) Spending a few minutes before the bell rings on reading helps cut down on homework time. Frances Clark ignores surrounding activity to prepare her science lesson.

Opposite page:
(1) First grade girls Jamie Jurney and Chantal Taylor become friends at the opening of school. John Rutenberg waits for some boys to join him.
(2) The hall provides a quiet place to do make-up work for Jay Springs.
(3) A tree falls in the forest as Nancy Humphries plays the woodcutter and Nina McDuffie the toppling tree.
(4) Charles Singleton peers intently at a starfish eating shrimp.
(5) Photographer Tommy Sanders poses Howell Bellamy for his class picture.

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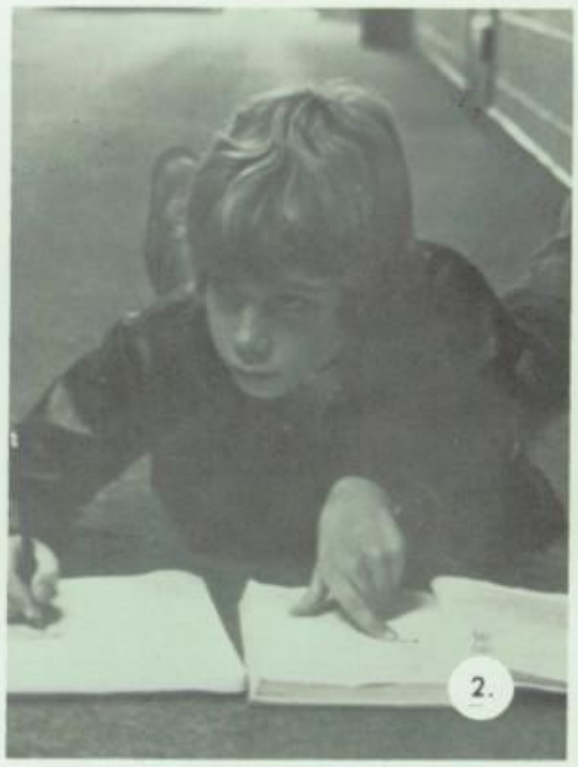
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Holidays Bring Many Good Times

As we grow older, holidays tend to lose some of their excitement, but Coastal's youngsters still feel the magic of celebrating special days.

Beginning in the fall with Halloween, holidays tumble one after another throughout the school calendar. The academy's Halloween Carnival means a chance to dress in costumes and roam from booth to booth.

Christmas means decorating classrooms in the traditional holiday spirit and writing long letters to Santa in hopes that they've been good enough for him to grant their wishes.

Valentine's Day and Easter bring thoughts of others and expressions of love. Cutting and pasting lace and hearts and coloring and hiding eggs add to the fun.

Holidays break the months with pleasurable activities and parties.

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(1) Chantal Taylor won the Halloween costume prize for the most original outfit.
(2) Green witches with peaked black hats roamed the halls in search of Halloween victims.
(3) Bobbing for apples is successful if one doesn't mind getting wet; Tripp Jackson comes up with a big, red one!

(1) Barry King, John Avera, and Clay Graham were chipmunks in the fourth grade's Christmas program.
(2) John Rutenberg peddles across the stage in the first grade's segment of the entertainment.
(3) Mark Donevant colors his Valentine creation.
(4) Clowns and dolls are really Vera Blake, Nina McDuffie, and Shai Ravenel in disguise.
(5) Gluing and cutting is necessary before Favor Divine can complete her Valentine.
(6) Cupcakes and ice cream make holiday celebration complete; Tracey Floyd samples her serving.

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Roving Faculty Enriches Program

Because the school day lacks enough hours and the academy enough teachers to provide continuous instruction in such areas as music, Spanish, special reading techniques, and library skills, certain faculty members rotate among classes to add enrichment to the regular school curriculum. Students generally greet with delight and respond with warmth to each teacher's approach.

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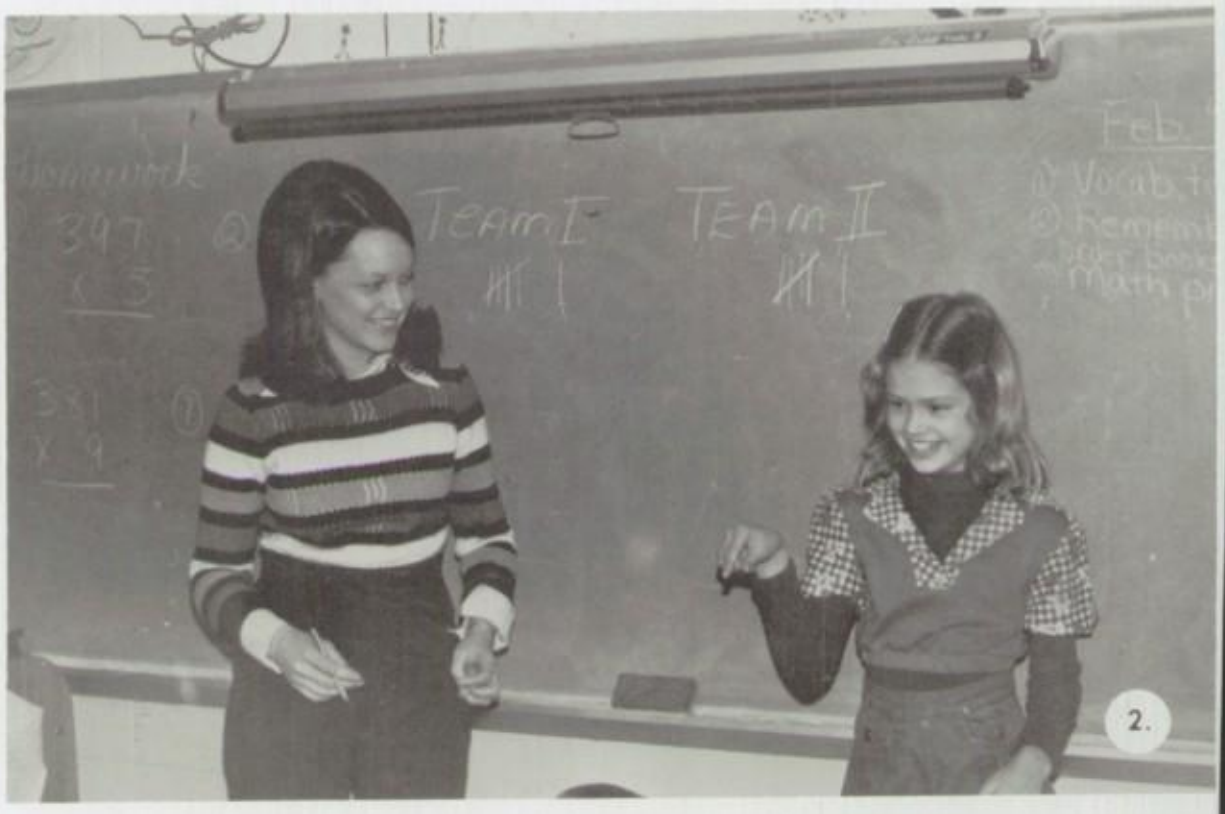

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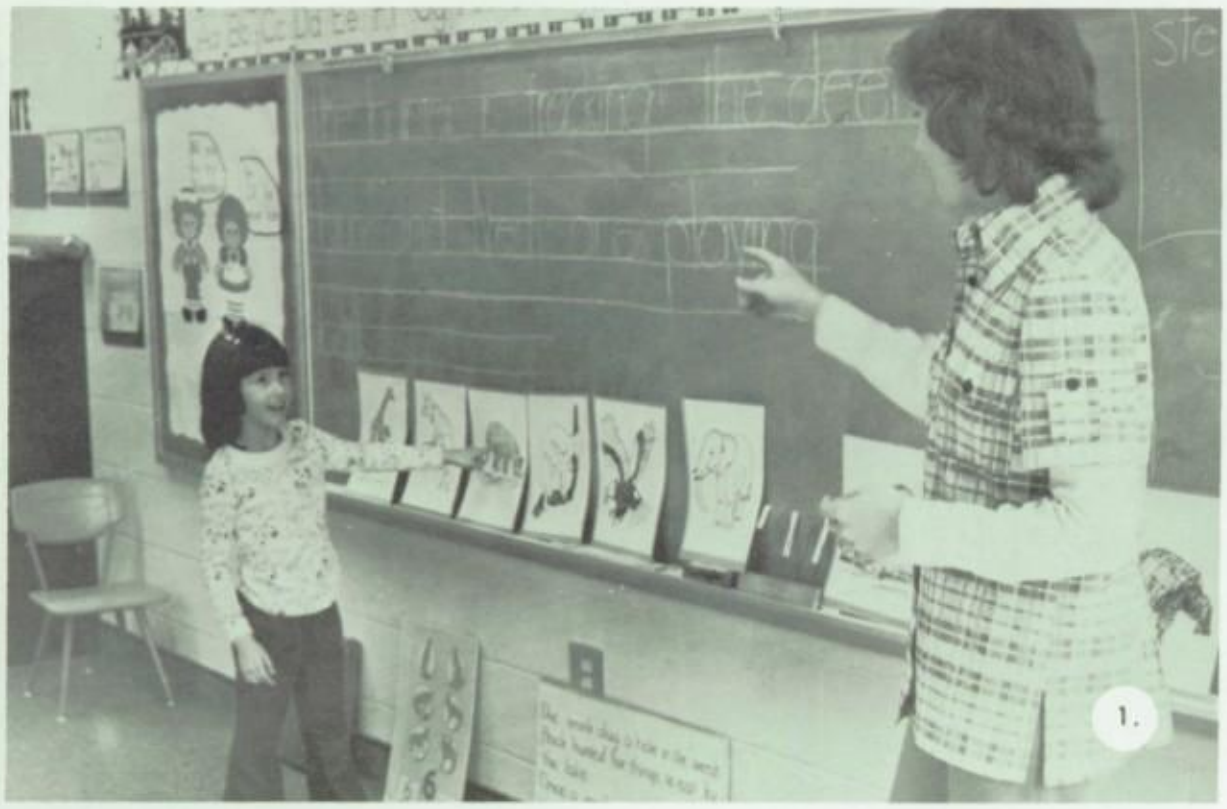

Opposite page:
(1) Besides teaching pupils the way to find books and use the library, Mrs. Peggy Bellamy attracts their attention to books by reading orally to them.
(2) The youth and freshness of Miss Mary Ann McNinch appeals to her music students; Nancy Humphries helps lead a song.
(3) Keeping up-to-date records of children's reading progress is part of Mrs. Joyce Moser's job.
(4) Even first graders quickly pick up Spanish and are able to identify correctly animals and other subjects that Mrs. Cheryl Jowers points out.

This page:
(1) Donna McGee responds in Spanish to Mrs. Jowers' question.
(2) Mrs. Joyce Moser helps students individually and in groups to improve comprehension and speed.
(3) Miss McNinch and Stephen Jackson perform a duet for the third grade.
(4) Mrs. Bellamy knows a love of books can open many new doors.

Little Teams Draw Big Crowds

All sizes, shapes, forms, and ages participate in Coastal Academy's mite basketball league. Enthusiasm runs as high each Saturday morning at Benton Gymnasium as when the varsity meets Pee Dee. Parents congregate to watch players, cheerleaders, and coaches. Much of the success of the program comes from the spirit of the boosters and the involvement of the players.

The league's ultimate purpose is to train boys to be future Cougar basketball stars; but for the lads, Saturday morning is much more than a teaching session. Attired in jerseys, sweat bands, and the best tennis shoes, these teams battle for prominence in the lower school.

(1) Warrior guard Clay Graham brings the ball down court.
(2) Sonic team members include Eddie Ravenel, Earl Singleton, Robert Jeffcoat, Timmy Cooper, John Avera, Michael Kennedy, Stephen Jackson, Trae Rhodes, and Charles Boling. Alec Ivey coaches the youngsters.
(3) Harry Floyd of the Lakers follows through after firing a set shot.
(4) Mike Hughes coaches the Lakers which consists of Wilson Springs, Shannon Cushman, Scott Baugh, Tripp Jackson, Wade Chandler, and Harry Floyd.

(1) Critt Gore, guarded by Albert Springs, brings down a rebound.
(2) Joey Vereen, Jay Springs, Critt Gore, Joel Turbeville, Coach Scott Miles, Jay Baldwin, Barry King, and Clay Graham make up the Warriors.

(3) Stephen Jackson finds that being the shortest man on the floor can be a disadvantage.
(4) The Knicks, coached by Kyle Price, are John Rutenberg, Albert Springs, James Allen, Howell Bellamy, Clark Butler, and Nicky Nixon.

Sixth Graders Admire Older Students

As sixth graders realize they are soon to enter upper school, they turn their attention toward older students. Besides their own older brothers or sisters, many look up to some sophisticated senior and wonder if they can ever be like that.

Joey Vereen admires Mitch Watson "because he is the best player of the Cougars. He is very little compared to the others, but he has the courage to be a great basketball player. He is the best friend a guy can have."

Elizabeth Bellamy likes John Thorne "because of his personality, spirit, and because he's my chauffeur." Georgie Vereen admires Brenda Richardson because "she is nice to everybody and she doesn't try to be like everyone else."

James Allen

Mary Avera

Carol Bellamy
Elizabeth Bellamy
Kathy Blake
Frances Clark
Kathryn Burr

Clark Butler
Wade Chandler
Timmy Cooper
Alice Donevant
Leath Farlow

Harry Floyd
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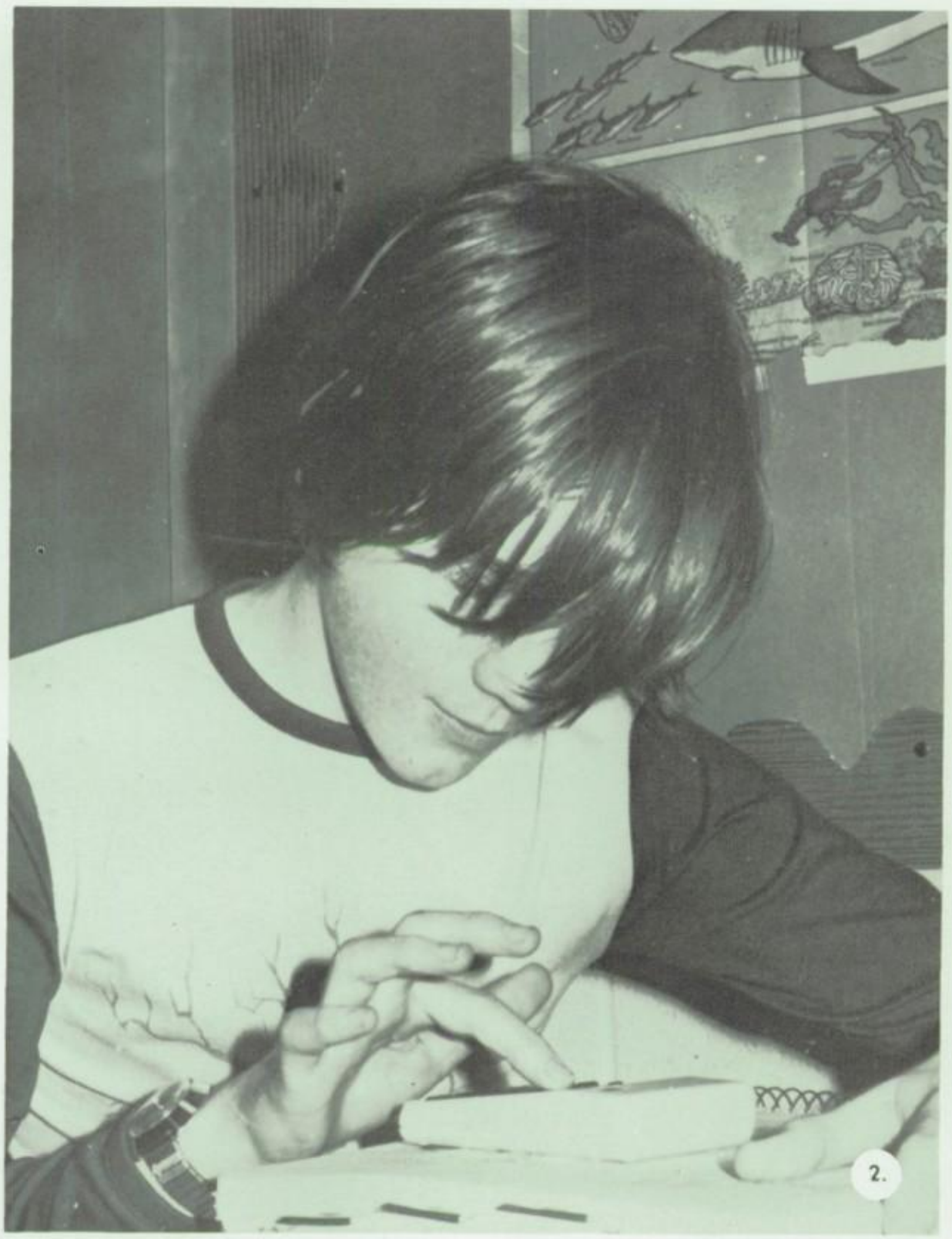

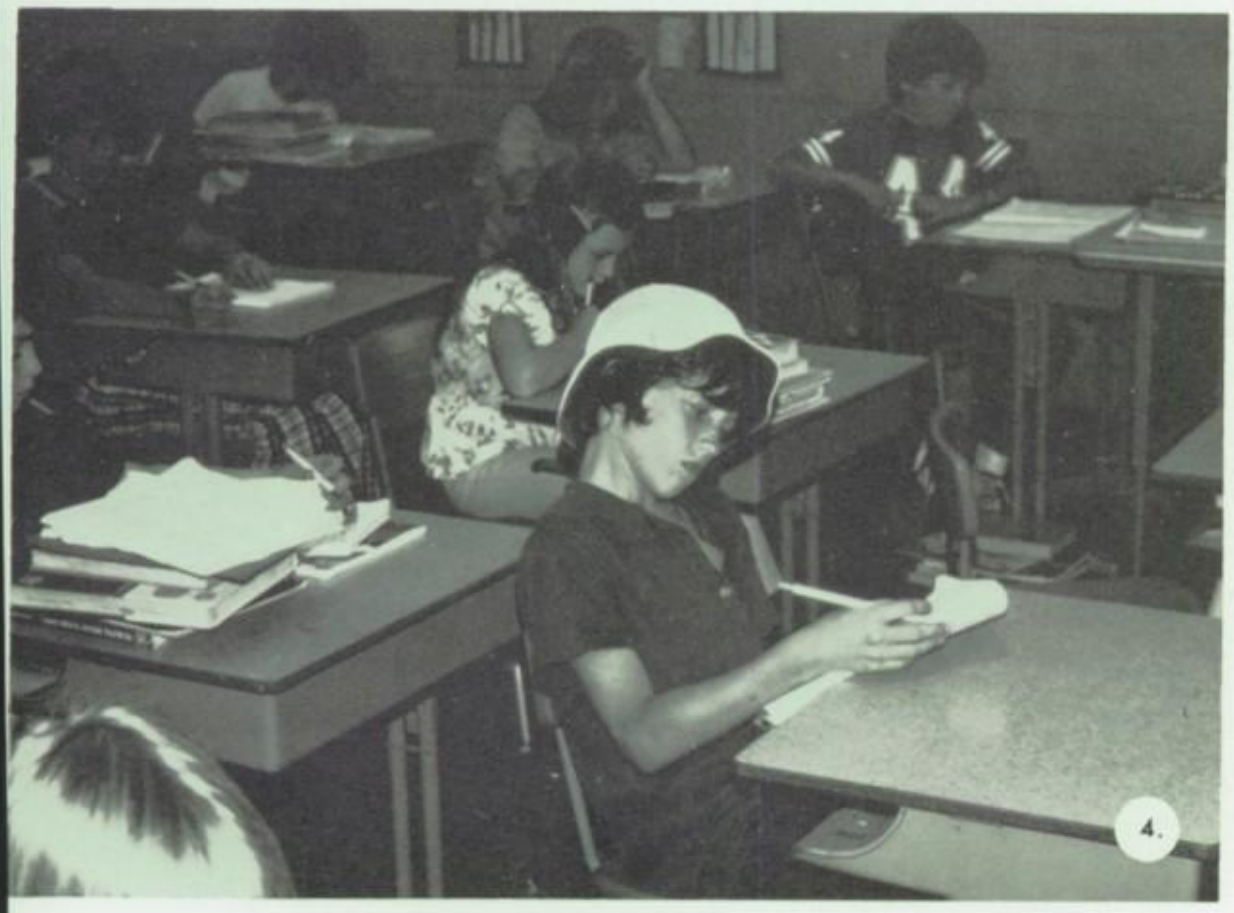

(1) Mrs. Lynette Harris' hobby is watching "Edward" the clock.
(2) Ricky Rowe peeks through his hair and takes the easy way by using his calculator to find math answers.
(3) Tom Rogers and fifth grader Jay Baldwin are not behind jail bars, but patiently awaiting their turn on stage at the Christmas program.
(4) Homework causes brain strain to Earl Singleton and classmates.

This page:
(1) Interested classmates gather around Albert Springs as he prepares to launch his rocket.
(2) Eve Benton makes a realistic Raggedy Ann at the Halloween Carnival.
(3) Candy McFarland waits patiently for the bell to ring for homeroom.
(4) Terri McGee, Margaret Gore, and Allison Rogers work studiously as a team on a crossword puzzle.
(5) Charles Boling, Allyn Talbot, and Shannon Cushman play Baseball Science as other fifth graders wait for their turn at "bat."
Opposite page:
(1) Capitalizing on love for games, Mrs. Eleanor Durban keeps her students interested in learning.

Fifth Grade Likes Games

Mrs. Durban and her fifth graders have discovered a learning method which makes a usually boring task loads of fun. These young minds have found learning can be enjoyable when facts are applied to games.

All of their contests are exciting, but their favorite is baseball. The Cougars and the Gamecocks are the two opposing teams. With each correct answer to the teacher's question, the player advances one base until he scores a homerun. If a student forgets to study, he makes an out for his team. With the right approach, any task can be made pleasant.

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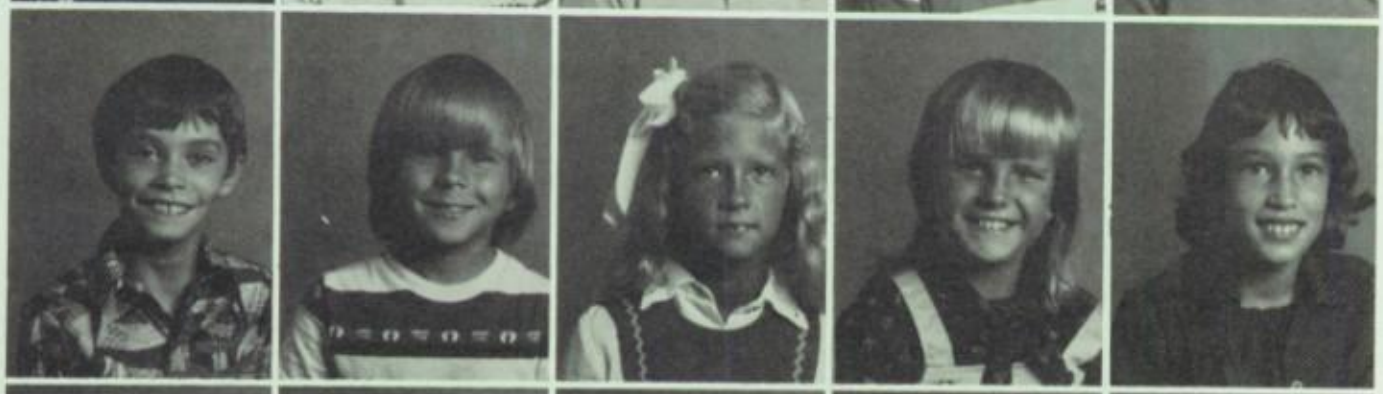
Jay Baldwin
Eve Benton
Charles Boling

Gayle Capps
Rocky Crowe
Shannon Cushman
Danielle DuRant
Margaret Gore



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Michael Kennedy
Reynolds Martin
Candy McFarland
Terri McGee

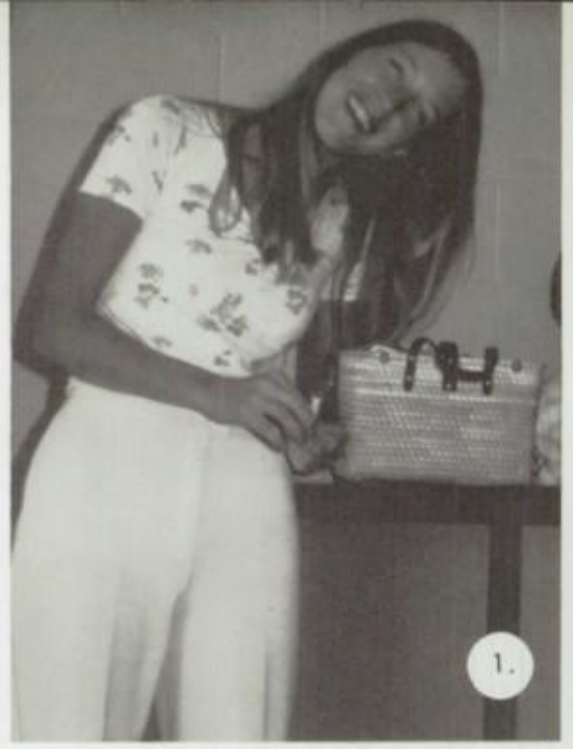
Melissa Miles
Lisa Mishoe
Martha Nuckles
David O'Quinn
Brent Platt

Allison Rogers
Brian Rutenburg
Albert Springs
Allyn Talbot
Lucy Thorne

"Fonzie" Is the Hero of the Fourth Grade

The world of "Happy Days" and especially Fonzie has captured the imagination of the fourth graders. They imitate his mannerisms, his way of speaking, and his expressions. Almost every boy in the class can be spotted giving the famous "thumbs up" sign or exclaiming with a swaggering "Hey!" If the Fonz refuses to do something, his fans refuse also.

Even though Fonzie isn't big on school, Miss Jean Duckett has overcome this problem with interesting projects. Her room has resembled a zoo, housing such creatures as a monkey, hermit crabs, sea monkeys, frog eggs, gold fish, and a dog. "Thumbs up" for fourth grade!



John Avera
Scott Baugh
Vera Blake
Donald Darrow

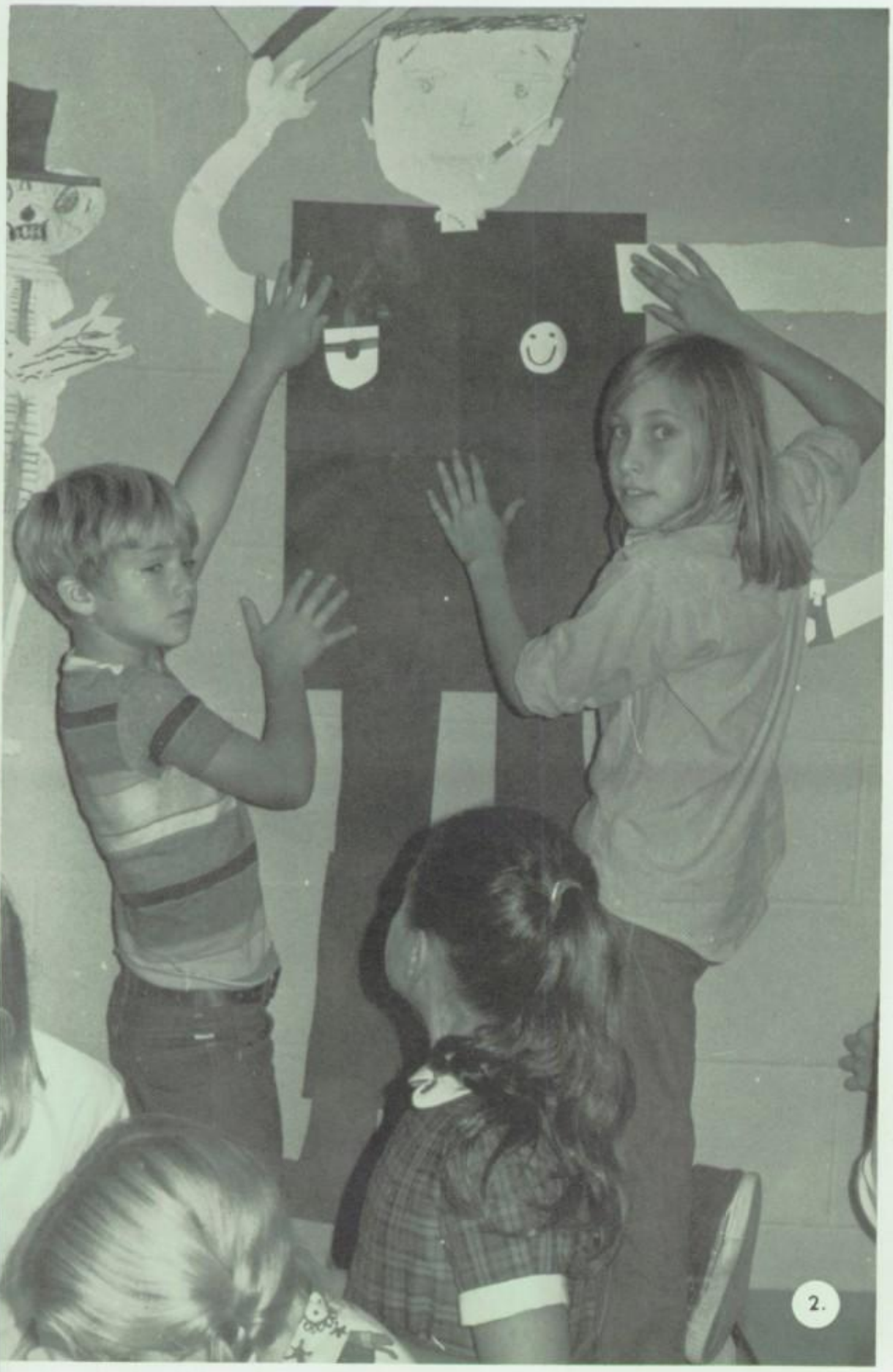
Jack Divine
Vance Donkle
Jan Dusenbury
Clay Graham
Courtney Hendrix

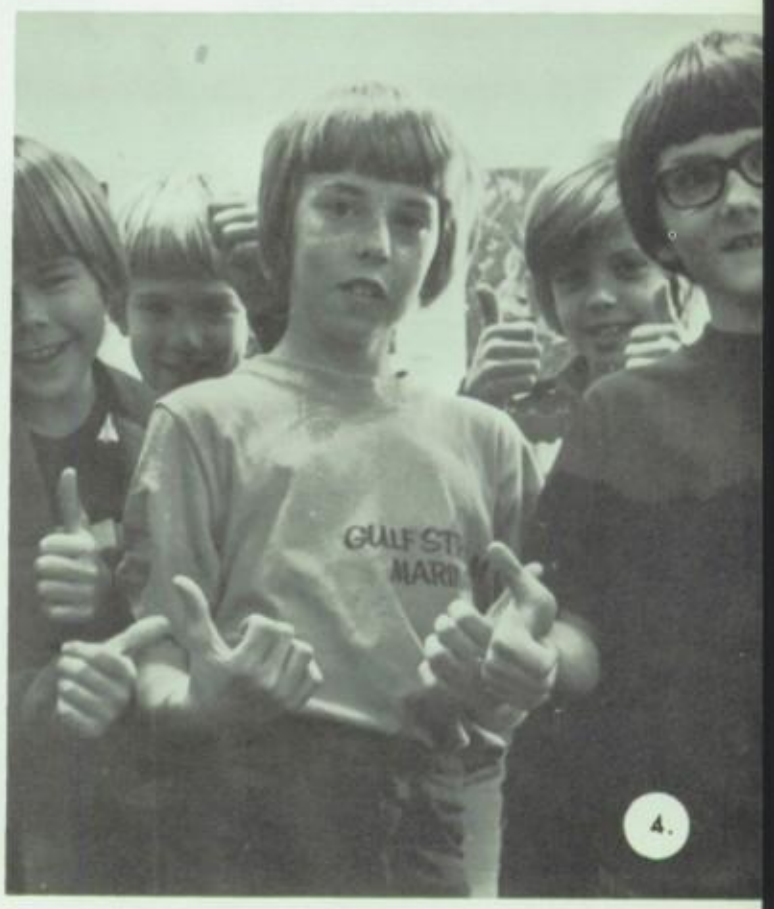
Nancy Humphries
Lane Jackson
Robert Jeffcoat
Barry King
Tracey Lang

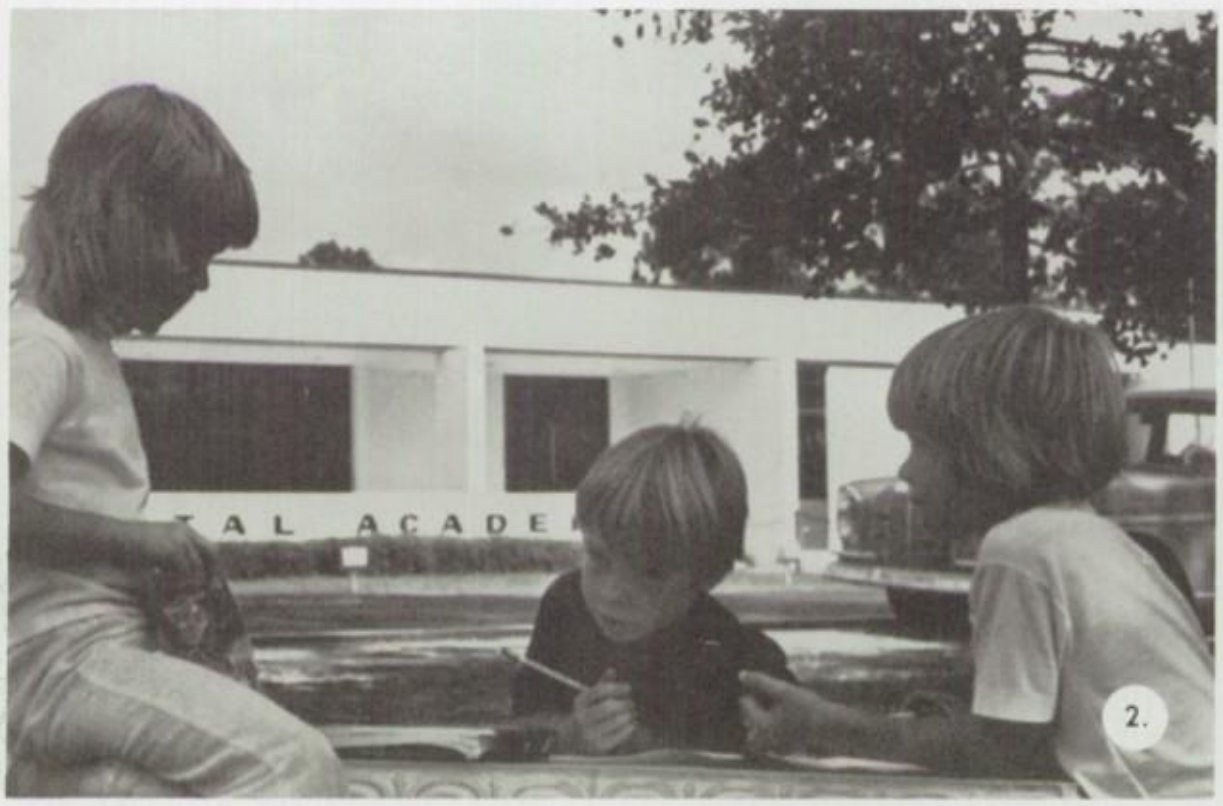
Susan Langston
Susan Livingston
Nina McDuffie
Nicky Nixon
Robin Nixon

Mary Anna Pinner
Sonja Polic
Shai Ravenel
Andee Vereen
Derek Walker

Opposite page:
(1) Miss Jean Duckett was selected lower school Teacher of the Semester in a penny-vote contest.
This page:
(1) Fourth graders enjoy a DQ ice cream party for being top money-makers in the magazine sale.
(2) Donald Darrow and Robin Nixon display their Halloween monster.
(3) Messy ice cream is part of the fun of Christmas parties to Mary Anna Pinner and Tracey Lang.
(4) Giving Fonzie's thumbs up sign of approval are Scott Baugh, Donald Darrow, John Avera, Nicky Nixon and Barry King.







This page:
(1) Collectors proudly show their possessions: Stacie Paddy with one of her dolls; Trae Rhodes with model cars and army men; Karen Davis with many types of shells; DeLaine Mann with an assortment of stamps; Lloyd Prentice with match box cars; and (front) Will Abbott with a record collection.
(2) Jennifer Timbes waits with Stephen Jackson and brother Mark for car pools to come.
(3) Marti Thompson was the winner of the dome chair with tape deck for easy sitting and listening. The chair was a major prize during the annual autumn magazine sale.
Opposite page:
(1) Miss Margaret Regan braved one of the coldest days of the year to come out in support of her third grade mite leaguers.

Third Graders Love to Collect — Anything

From Madame Alexander dolls to matchbox cars; stamps to sea shells; toy soldiers to records — name it and third graders collect it. In boxes and books and bags, assorted prized possessions are eagerly displayed by Miss Margaret Regan's students.

This curiosity about objects has carried over into their learning activities where they have investigated the metric system, outer space, natural resources, and people of the earth — our close neighbors. "We're all dependent on each other" sums up the most valuable lesson of the year.

Will Abbott
John Aylor
Howell Bellamy

Skippy Cameron
Jeff Ciaccio
Karen Davis
Shannon Floyd
Judd Green

Stephen Jackson
Beth Leonard
Eddie McGee
DeLaine Mann
Stacie Paddy

Buffy Pavilack
Lloyd Prentice
Trae Rhodes
Alexis Simpson
Patrick Smith

Wilson Springs
Tav Swarat
Marti Thompson
Mark Timbes
Joel Turbeville

Second Grade — Year of Untied Shoelaces

Tripping on untied shoelaces is one of the handicaps of being a second grader. In spite of everything, shoes will not stay tied during recess when football, kickball, and "Kill the Man" call for active fun. It seems bad enough to have toothless smiles without any added problems!

Never slowed down by trailing shoe strings, however, Mrs. Martha Burr's energetic pupils have visited the U.S.S. North Carolina at Wilmington and the local post office, have named P.E. their "very favorite subject," and have discovered that "cursive writing is super fun."

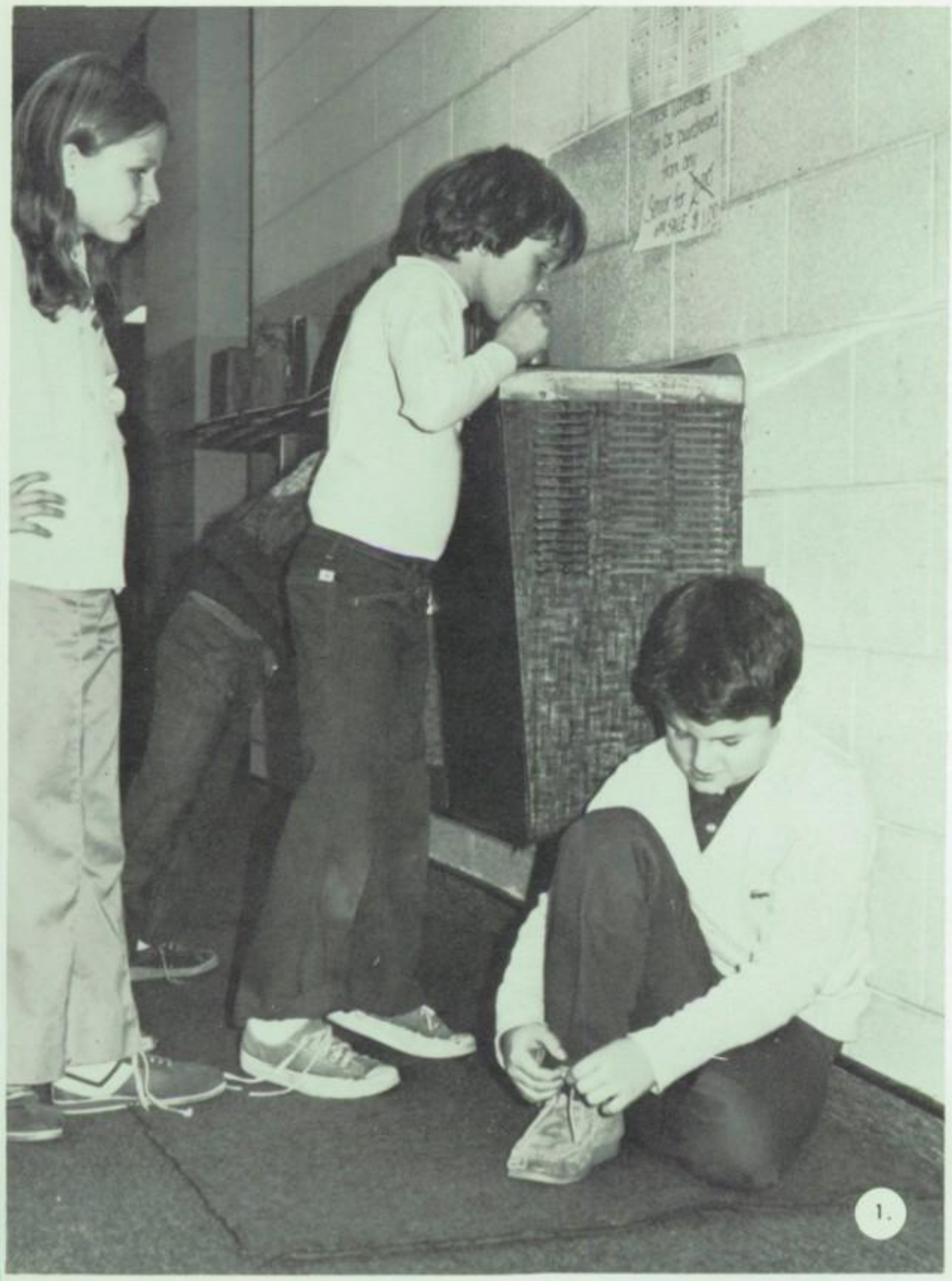
Jay Ciaccio
Hal Capps
Donna Clark

Carson Copeland
Roger Crowe
Chip Davis
Favor Divine
Mark Donevant

Jay Dusenbury
Michelle Ferguson
Trina Floyd
Jennie Graham
Scotty Jones

Timmy McLeod
Lauren Platt
Marko Polic
Adriane Rini
Greg Rowan

Colleen Rowe
Matthew Smith
Jennifer Timbes
Chris Wasserman
Kevin Watson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Opposite page:
(1) Mrs. Martha Burr's classroom activities place second to her pupils' favorite subject — P.E.
This page:
(1) "These darn shoelaces just won't stay tied," complains Marko Polic as he remedies the situation; but Adriane Rini and Chip Davis haven't discovered their own yet.
(2) Kevin Watson shows Roger Crowe and Jennifer Timbes that his magic trick isn't as easy as it looks.
(3) Hal Capps attempts to stump Jennie Graham with a baffling match box trick.

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This page:
(1) Students were welcomed to the first grade with pictures that represented each member of the class.
(2) First graders gather round their very own tree to check its growth with their own.
(3) A visit by a witch delights rather than frightens Jamie Jurney.
(4) "Ho-hum," says Ashley Blankenship as the school day nears its end and she thinks of after-school fun.
Opposite page:
(1) Mrs. Allison Butler brings peals of laughter from her class when she tries on her Halloween trick from the Mother's Club.

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Christmas Tree to Grow With First Graders

Mrs. Allison Butler's first graders quickly discovered that school can hold as much fun as work. Christmas was especially exciting because the class's live tree was planted on the front grounds in order that it may grow with the students. They anxiously and regularly check its progress.

A chorus of small voices best explains the first year at Coastal Academy:

"I like math."

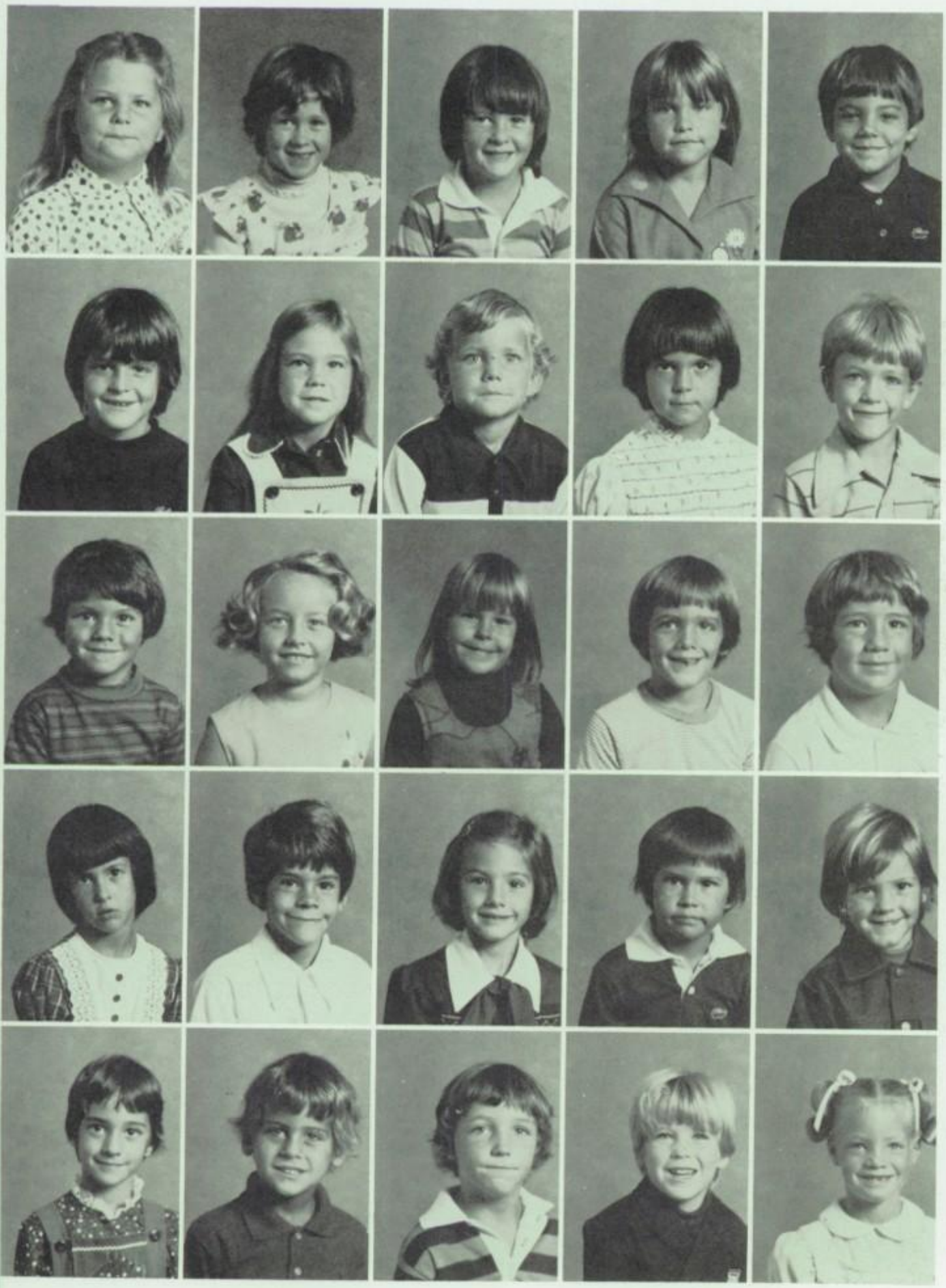
"Is today P.E. day?"

"It's fun to decode new words."

"What time is it?"

"Reading is my favorite subject."

"I put my money in, but I didn't get anything."



Scarlett Benton
Ashley Blankenship
Byron Blake
Christie Capps
Cal Cunningham

William Farlow
Tracey Floyd
Troy Floyd
Ashley Foster
Clark Green

T Hills
Jamie Jurney
Regan Kennedy
Steve Lewis
Bryant Mackey

Donna McGee
Brian McKenzie
Candace McKenzie
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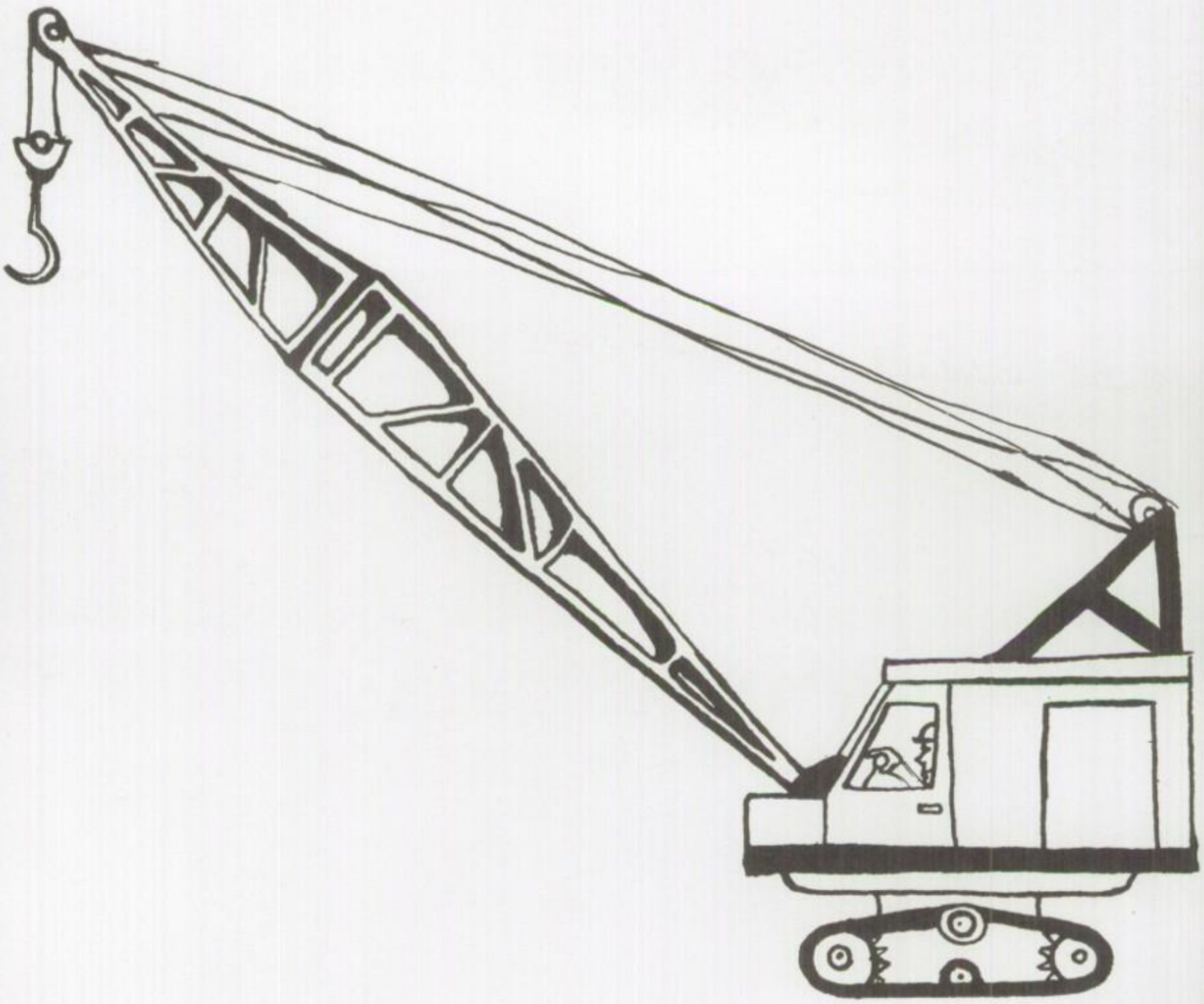

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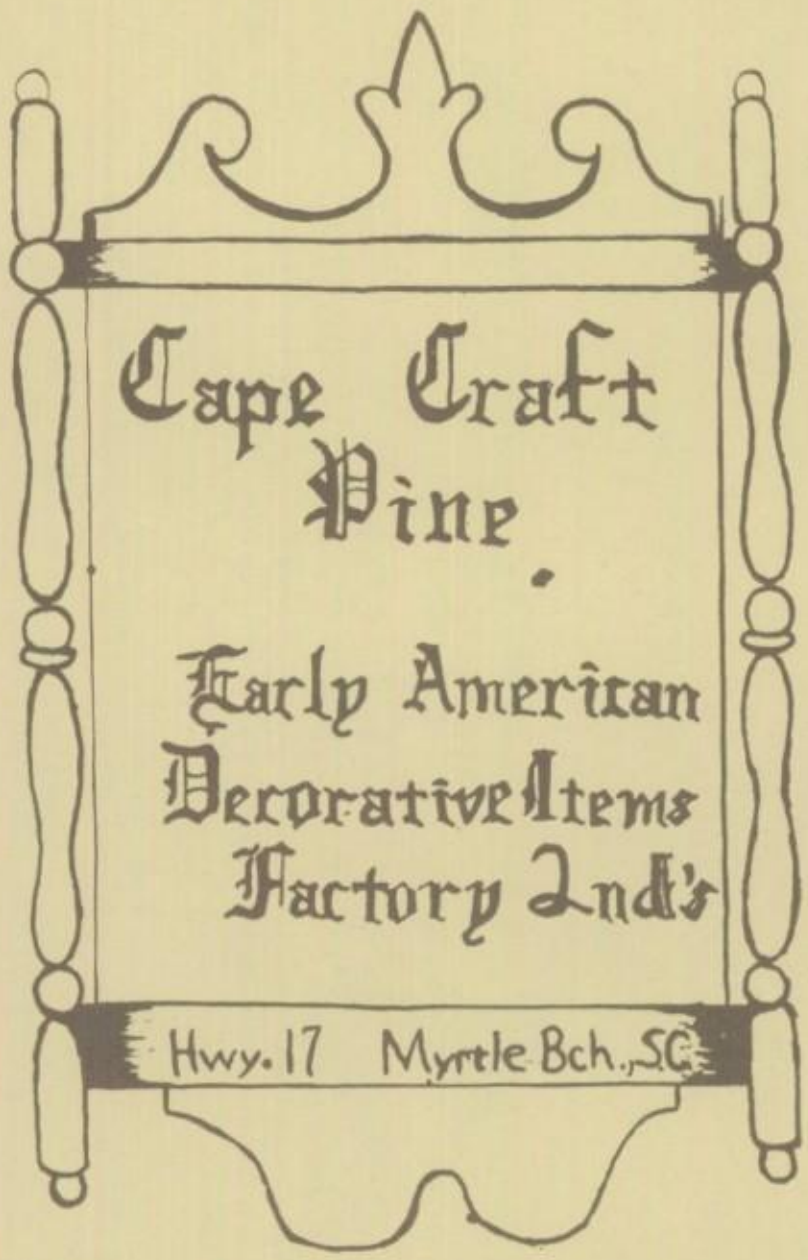

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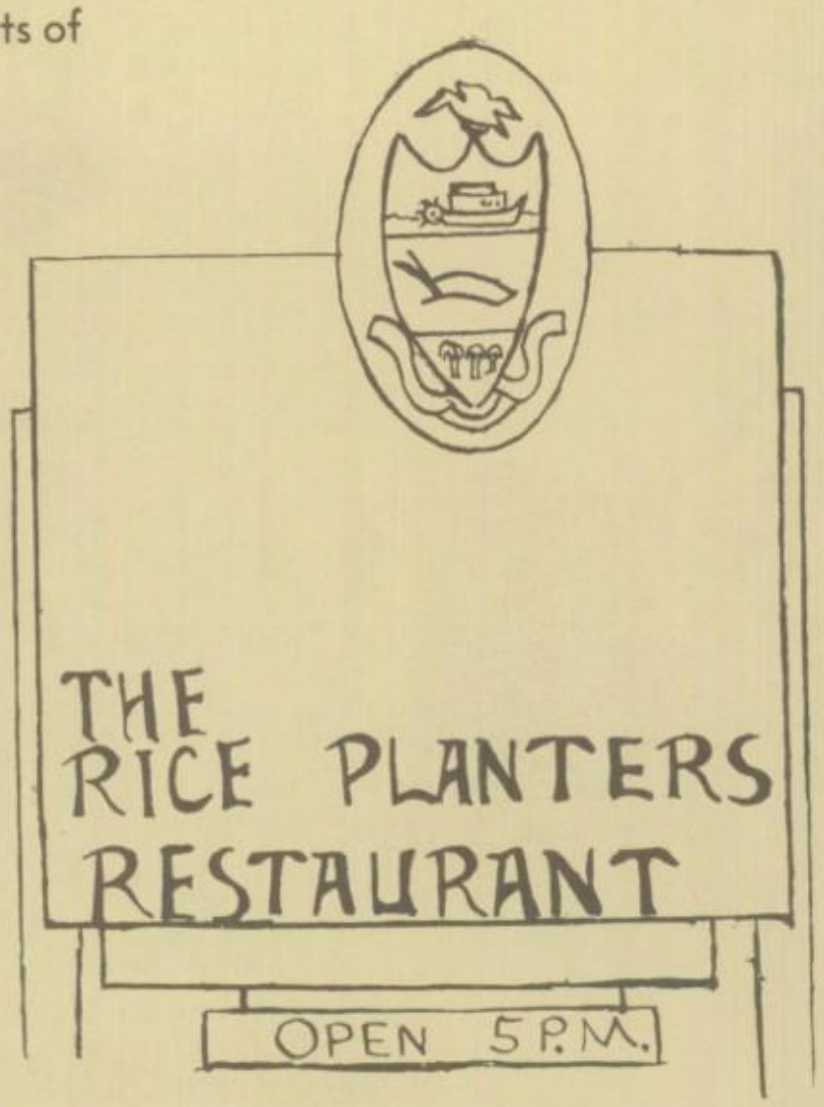

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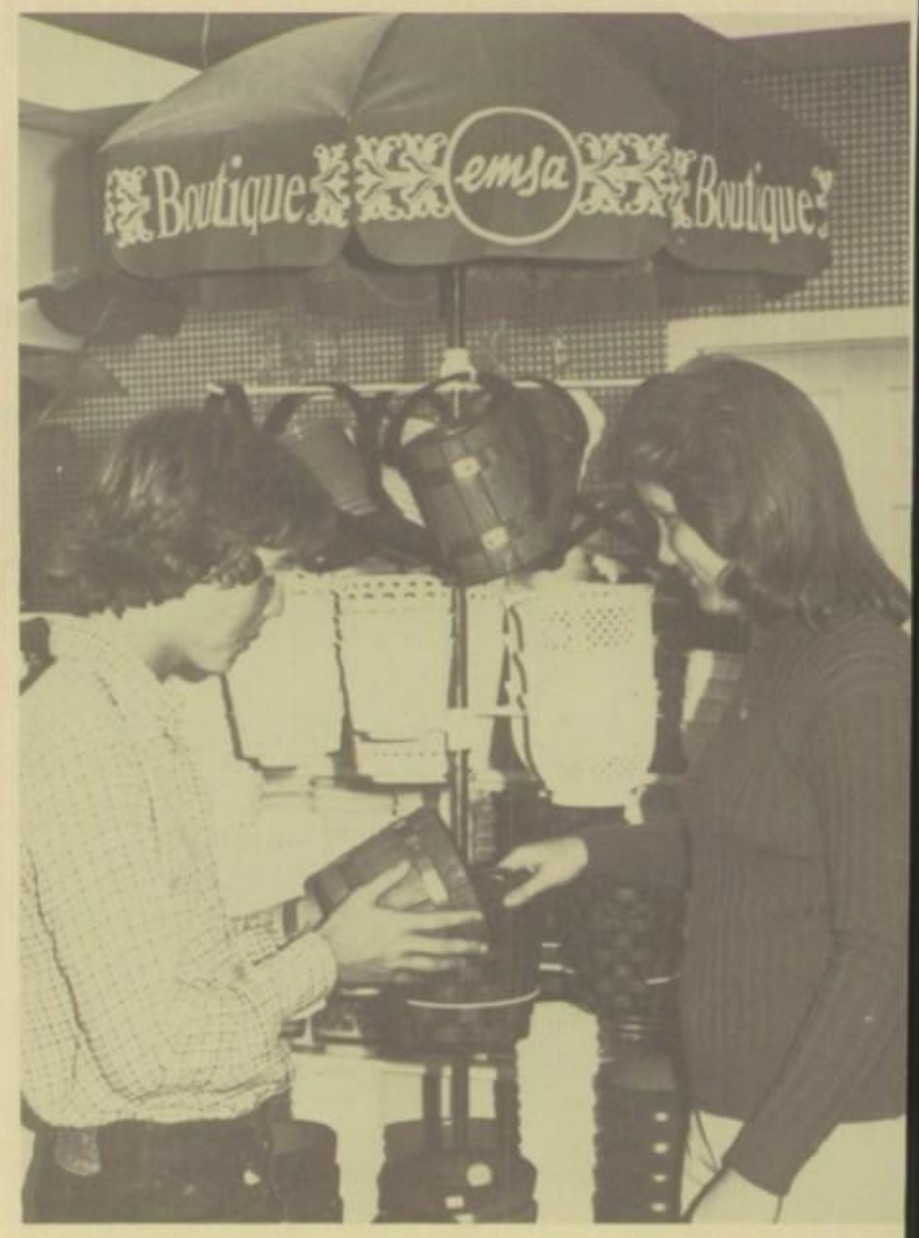

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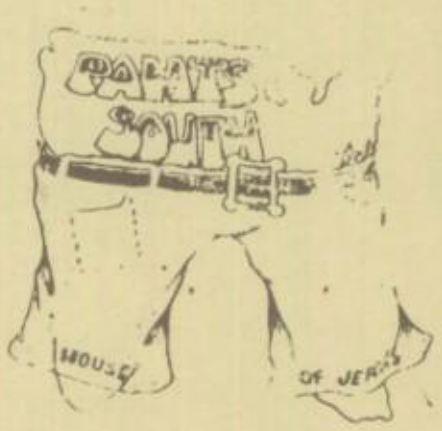

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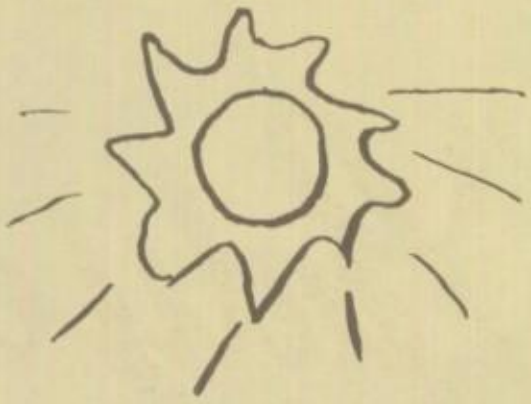

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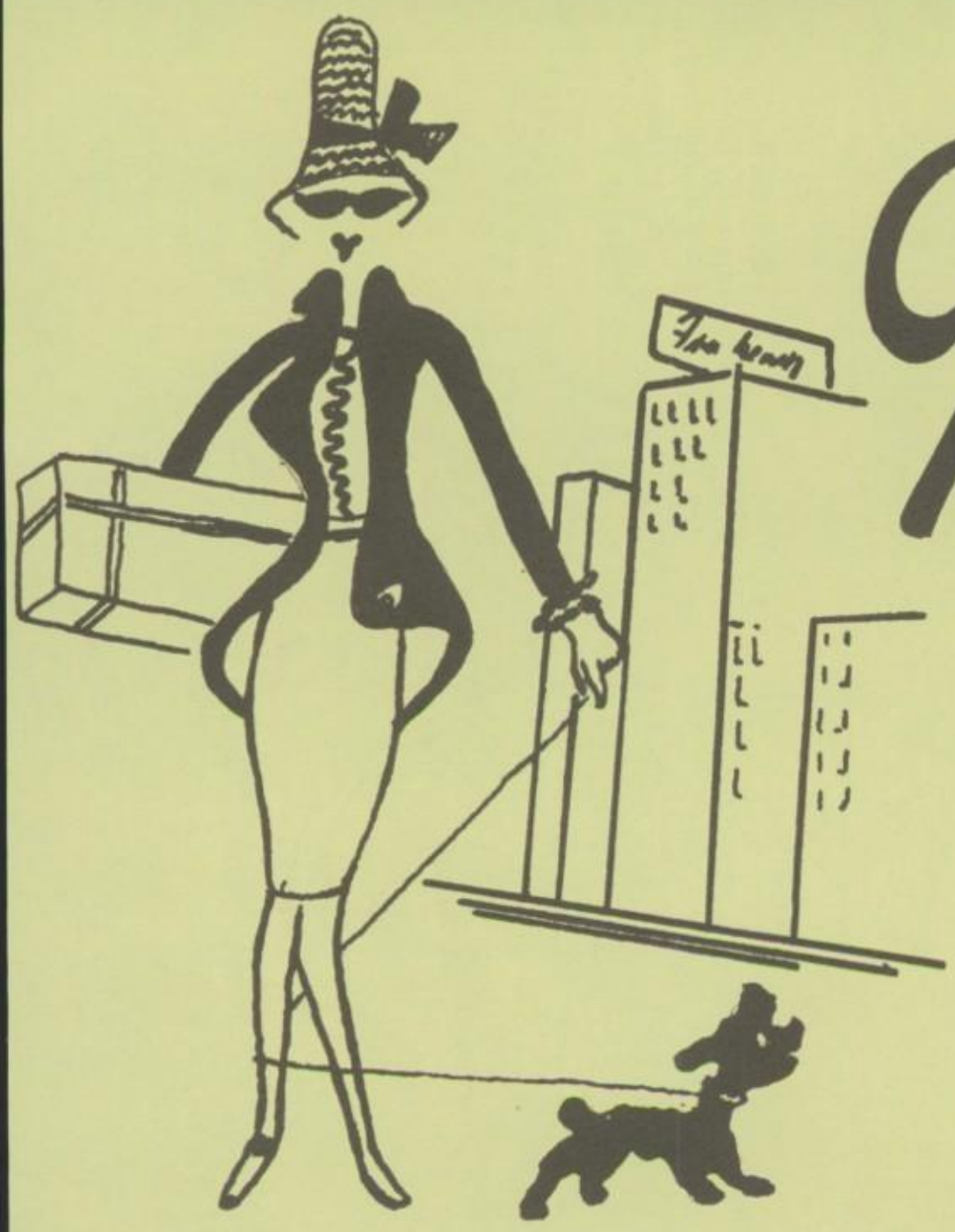

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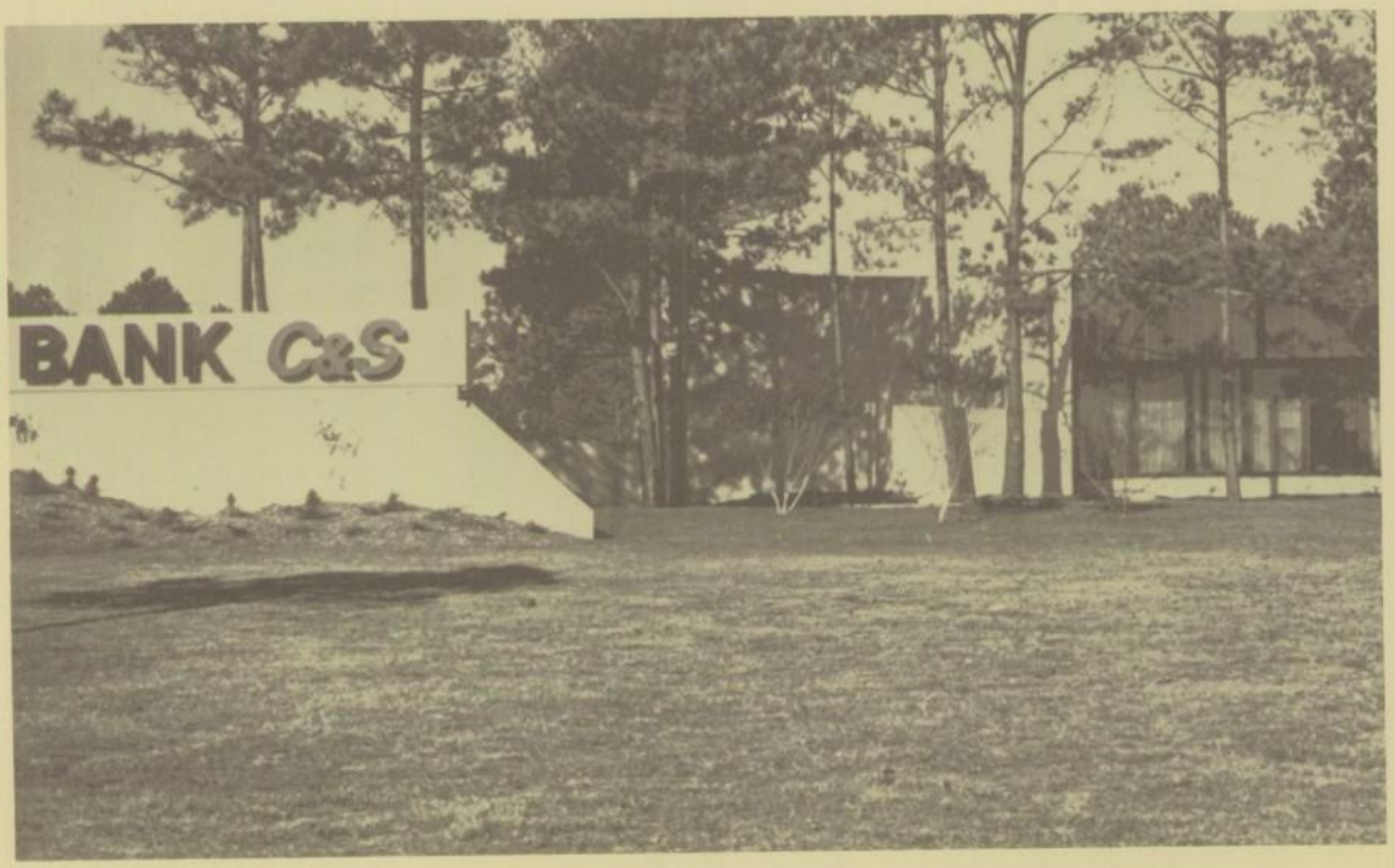

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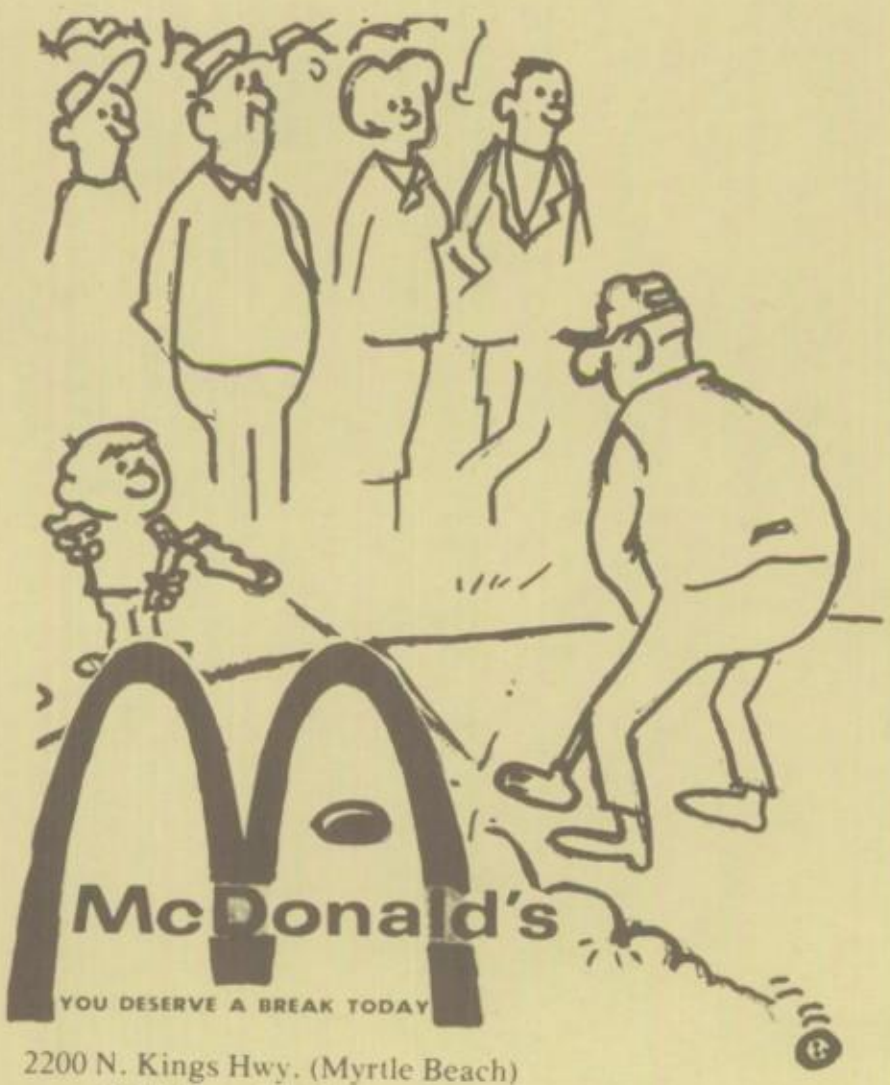

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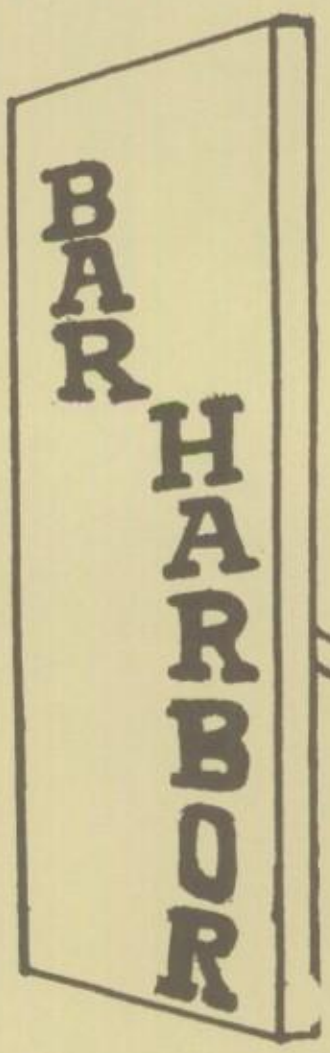

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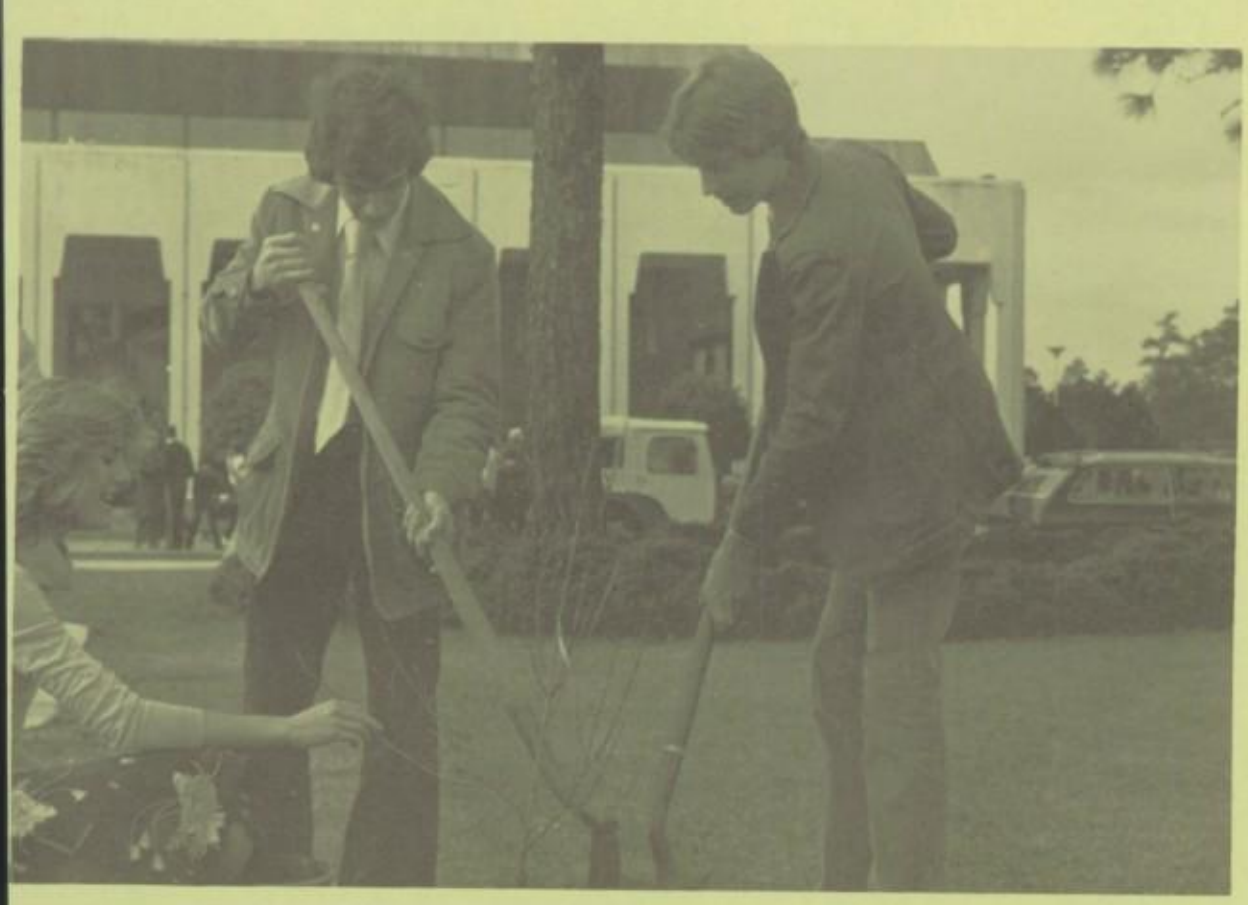

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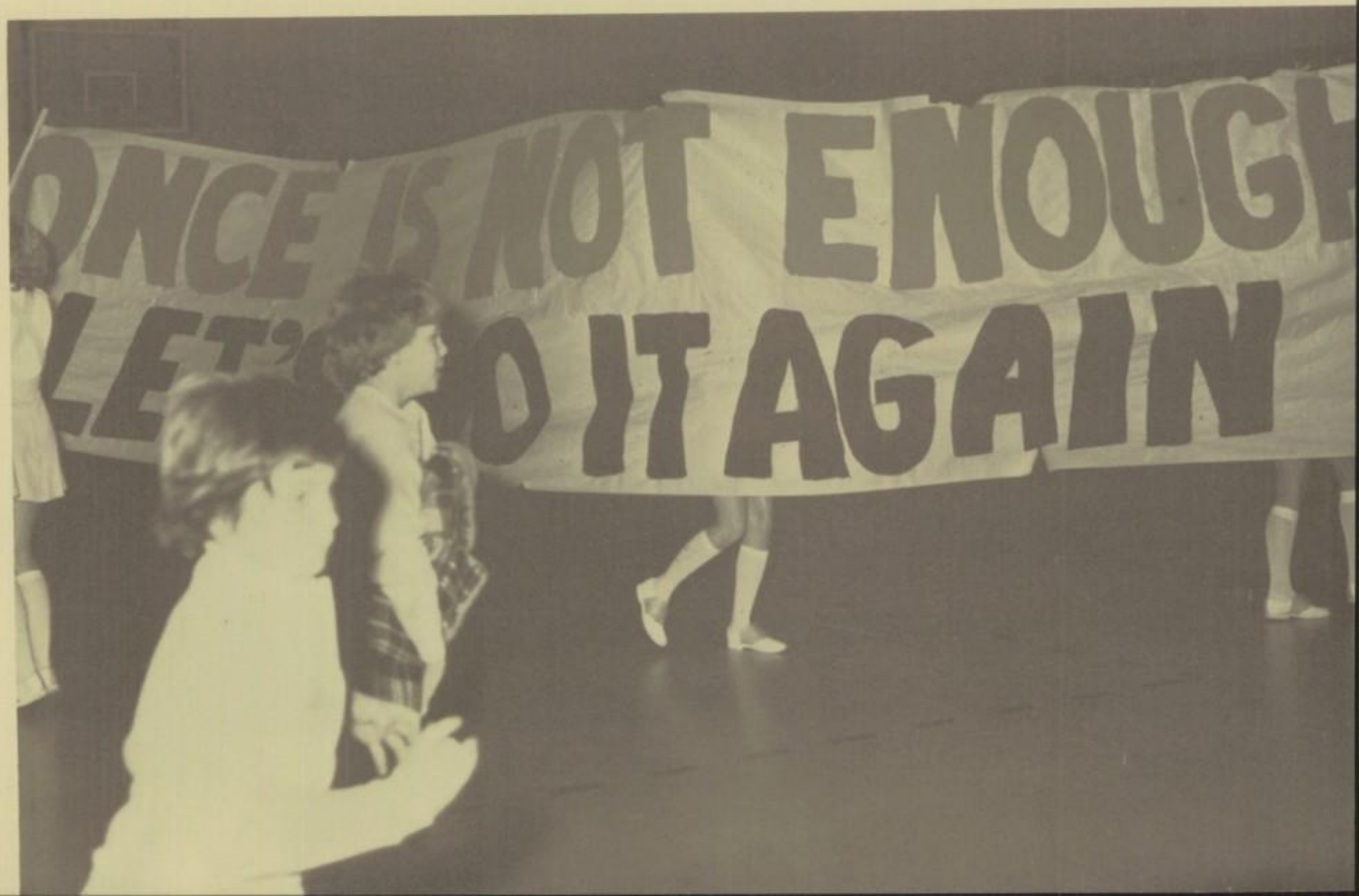

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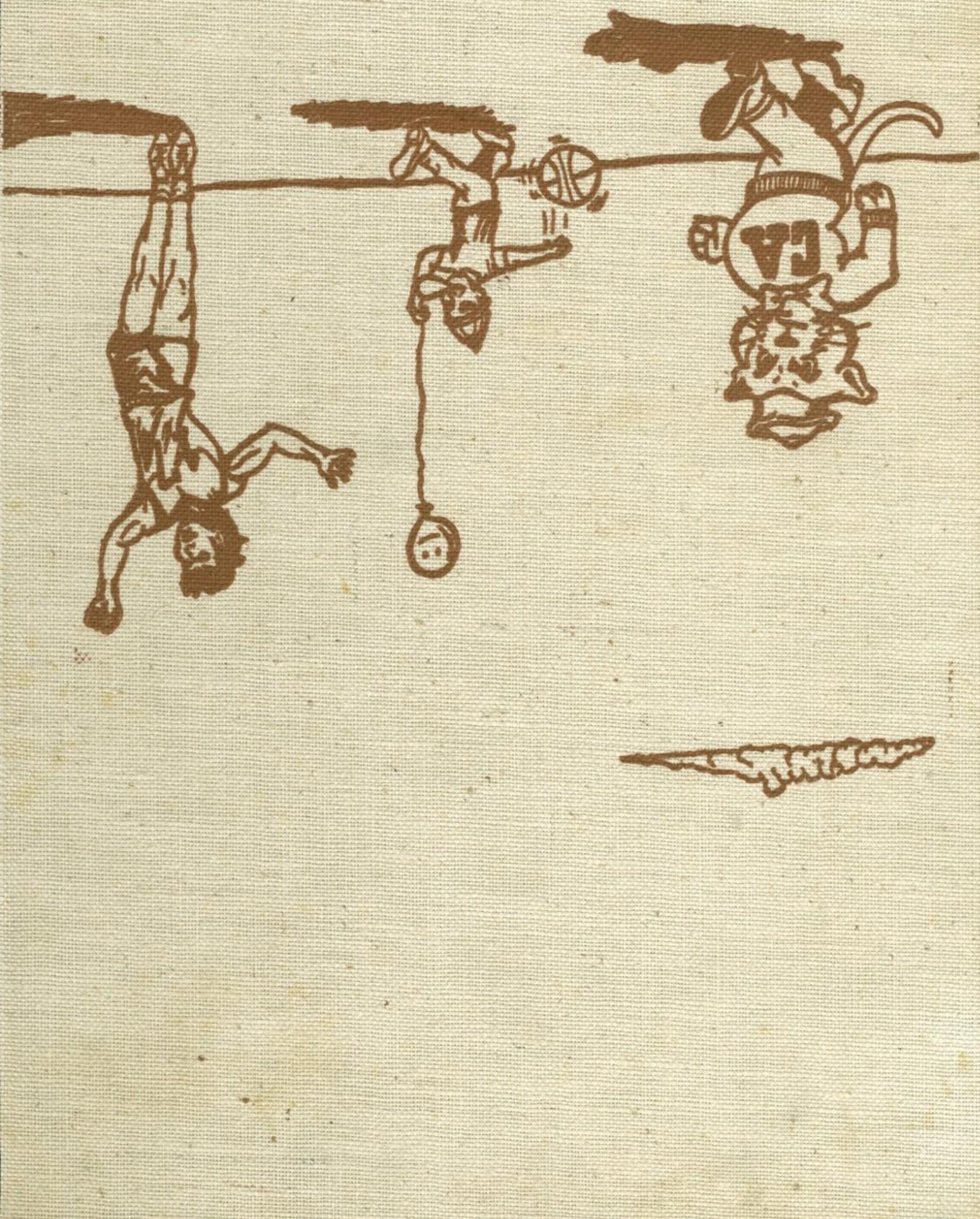
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